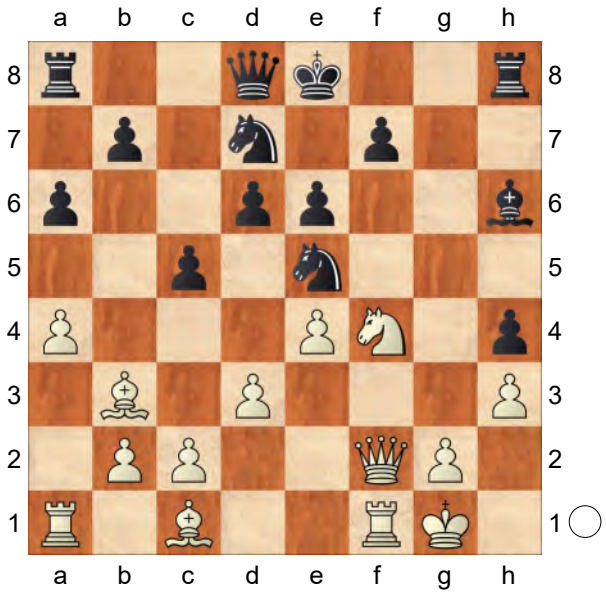
PARHAM MAGHSOODLOO
130 ANNOTATED GAMES

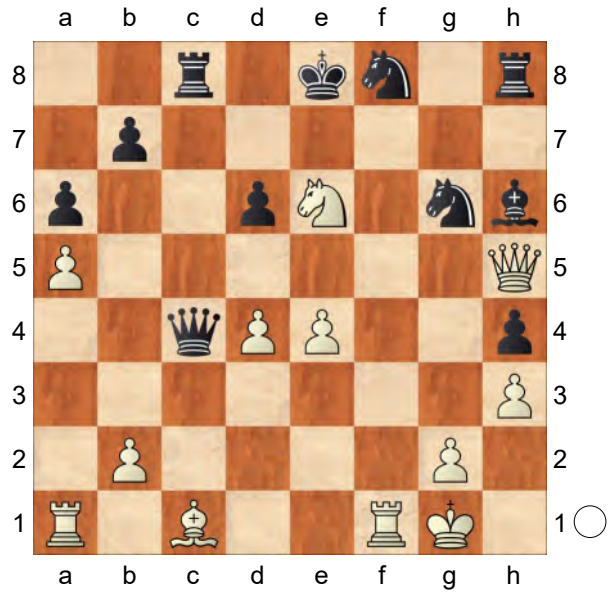
CREATIVE CHESS

1 **B50**
□ **Rapport,Richard** **2721**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
London TechM GCL rapid (9.3) 10.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

B50: Sicilian: 2...d6, Miscellaneous **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nf6N
[3...g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c3 Nf6 6.Re1 0-0 7.Bb3 b5 8.d4 Bb7 9.Nbd2 cxd4 10.cxd4 a5 11.Bc2 Na6 12.Nf1 e5 13.d5 Nc5 14.Ng3 Qb6 #10 15. Various 3rd moves-3.Bc4]
4.d3 a6 5.a4 Nc6 6.0-0 h6 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.h3 The position is equal. **8...Bh5 9.Nd5 e6 10.Nf4 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 h5 12.Ne2 Ne5 13.Qe3 g5 14.Bb3** -0.10/22
[14.Qxg5 Nf3+ 15.gxf3 Rg8=]
[14.f4!± 0.72/21 Nxc4 15.dxc4]
14...Bh6 0.42/21
[14...g4= -0.10/22]
15.f4!± gxf4 16.Nxf4 h4 1.04/22
[16...Qe7± 0.50/18]
17.Qf2 Nfd7 1.37/20
[Black should try 17...Qe7 1.00/19]



18.Bxe6! 0.97/17 **fxe6± 19.Nxe6 Qb6** 3.58/23 This move loses the game for Black.
[19...Qc8± 1.10/20]
20.a5+-
[20.Qxh4? Be3+ 21.Bxe3 Rxh4-+]
20...Qc6 21.c3
[21.Qxh4? Be3+ 22.Bxe3 Rxh4-+]
21...Rc8 4.37/22
[21...Bxc1 2.99/20 was necessary. 22.Raxc1 Rh6]
22.d4
[22.Qxh4? Be3+ 23.Bxe3 Rxh4-+]
22...cxd4 23.cxd4 Qc4 24.Qf5 Nf8 4.05/22
[24...Bxc1 2.58/19 might work better. 25.dxe5 *(25.Rfxc1 Qxc1+ 26.Rxc1 Rxc1+±)* 25...Be3+ *(25...Bxb2 26.Qf7#)* 26.Kh2 Bg1+ *(26...dxe5 27.Qf7#; 26...Nxe5? 27.Rad1+-)* 27.Kxg1 Nxe5]
25.Qh5+
[Less strong is 25.Bxh6 Qxe6 26.Bxf8 Qxf5 27.Rxf5 *(27.exf5 Kxf8 28.dxe5 dxe5+-)* 27...Rxf8+-]
25...Neg6
(Diagram)



26.Rxf8+! Remove Defender **26...Bxf8**
[26...Rxf8 27.Qxg6+]
27.Qxg6+ Kd7 28.d5 Be7 29.Qf5 Black must now prevent Ne6-c5+. **29...Ke8 30.Bg5** Hoping for Bg5xe7. **30...Bxg5 31.Qxg5 Qxe4 32.Rf1 Rc2 33.Qd8#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.60
1-0

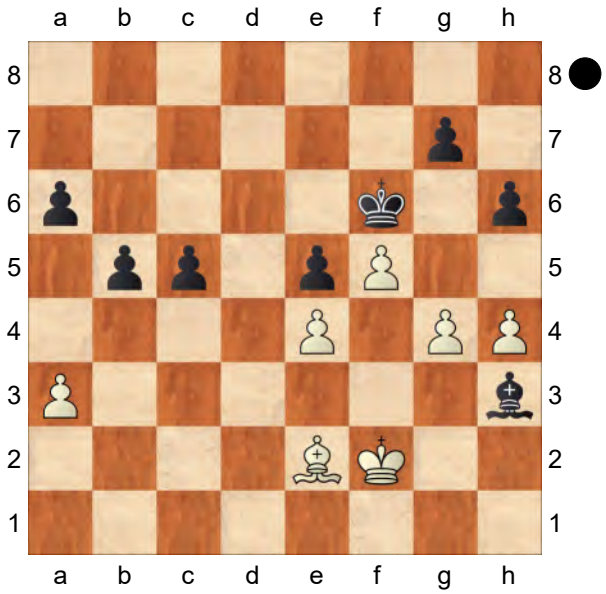
2 **A29**
□ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2733**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
London TechM GCL rapid (4.2) 05.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3 **1.c4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nc3**
[6.0-0 Nb6 7.b3 Be6 *(7...Be7 8.Bb2 f6 9.d4 e4 10.Nfd2 f5 11.Nc4 Be6* ½-½ Neuman,P (2387)-Bures,J (2419) CZE-chT 2223 Czech Republic 2022 (11.6)*)* 8.Qc2 Qd7 9.Rd1 0-0-0 10.Nc3 f6 11.d4 exd4 12.Bb2 Bf5 13.Qc1 d3 14.exd3 Bh3 15.Bh1 Bg4 16.d4 Bb4 17.d5 Bxc3 18.Qxc3 Nxd5 19.Qc4 Be6 20.Nd4 Bf7 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2813)-Gashimov,V (2740) 19th Amber Rapid Nice FRA 2010 (7)]
6...Nxc3N
[6...Nde7 7.0-0 g6 8.d3 Bg7 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Qc1 Nf5 11.Re1 h6 12.Rb1 g5 13.h4 Rb8 14.b4 Nfd4 15.b5 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Nd4 17.Bg2 Be6 18.Kh2 b6 19.Rb4 Rc8 20.Ra4 c6 21.bxc6 0-1 7.a4 ♘bd7 8.Be3 (1998)-Campos,J (2365) USSR 21/(563) 1976 (8) Nxc6 22.Qb1 a5 23.Be3 Nd4 24.Bxd4 exd4 25.Ne4 Qd7 26.Ra3 f5 27.Nd2 Rc3 28.Rxc3 dxc3 29.Nc4 b5 30.Nxa5 Qa7 31.Qxb5 Qxf2 32.Qb1 c2 33.Qc1 Bd4 0-1 7.a4 Nbd7 8.Be3 (1998)-Campos,J (2365) USSR 21/(563) 1976 (8)]
[6...Nb6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Nd2 Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5 A 29/15 2000]
7.bxc3 Bd6 8.d4 seems to push 8.0-0 aside. setzt sich inzwischen gegen 8.0-0 durch. **8...0-0 9.0-0 Re8** White has an edge. **10.Rb1 h6 11.e4N**
[11.Re1 Qf6 12.e4 Bg4 13.Rxb7 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Qxf3 15.Bxf3 aiming for d4-d5. exd4 16.cxd4 Nxd4 17.Bg4 ½-½ Koestner,W (2370)-Pulghe,P (2296) EU-ch 2022 sf11 email ICCF email]
11...b6 12.Re1 Rb8 13.h3 Bd7 14.Be3 a6 15.Nd2 Na5 16.f4 f6 17.dxe5 fxe5 18.f5 Bb5 19.Kh2 Bd3 20.Ra1 Ba3 0.64/19
[20...Qf6= 0.16/20]
21.Qg4 -0.31/21
[21.Qh5± 0.64/19]
21...Qf6∓ 22.Nf3 Nc4 23.Bc1 Rbd8

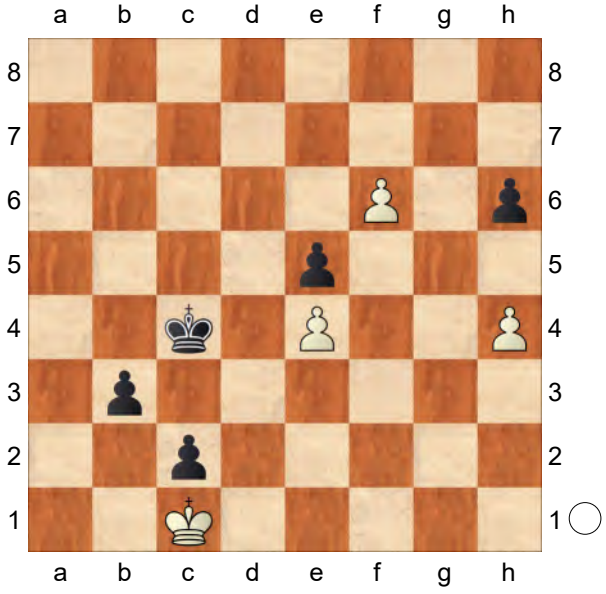
24.Nh4 -1.12/20
[⌓24.Qh5 -0.74/22]
24...Rd6 -0.61/20 White is weak on the dark squares
[24...Bb2∓ -1.12/20 25.Bxb2 Nxb2]
25.Ng6 -1.51/18
[Better is 25.Qh5∓ -0.61/20 Qf7 26.Bf3]
25...Bxc1∓ 26.Raxc1 Qg5 -0.11/21
[26...Nd2∓ -1.46/20 ...Bd3-c4 would now be deadly. 27.Red1 Bc4]
27.Qf3 -1.58/20
[27.Qxg5= -0.11/21 remains equal. hxg5 28.g4]
27...Nd2 28.Qe3 Qxe3 29.Rxe3 Bc4 30.Rc2 Kf7 31.g4 Kf6 32.Re1 -2.26/22
[⌓32.Kg3 -1.81/21]
32...Bf7 33.Nh4 -2.79/20
[33.Re2 -1.69/19 was the only defense. Nb1 34.c4]
33...Red8 34.Nf3 Nxf3+ 35.Bxf3 Bc4 Hoping for ...Rd6-d2+. **36.Kg3 Rd2** Prevents Bf3-e2. **37.Rxd2 Rxd2-+** Endgame. KRB-KRB **38.a3 Rc2 39.Rd1 Rxc3 40.Kf2 Rd3**
[40...Rxa3? 41.Rd7-+]
41.Rxd3 -5.14/17
[41.Rc1 -3.31/20 was worth a try. b5 42.a4]
41...Bxd3 KB-KB **42.Ke3 Bf1 43.h4 b5 44.Be2 Bg2**
[44...Bxe2? 45.Kxe2 a5 46.Ke3-+]
45.Bf3 Bh3
[45...Bxf3? 46.Kxf3 a5 47.Ke3-+]
46.Kf2 c5 47.Be2

(Diagram)

c4! 48.Ke3 Bg2 49.Bf3 Bh3
[49...Bxf3? 50.Kxf3 a5 51.Ke3-+]
50.Be2 g6 51.Bf3 Bf1 52.Be2 Bg2 53.Bf3 Bxf3 54.Kxf3 gxf5 55.gxf5 KP-KP **55...a5** ...b5-b4 is the strong



threat. **56.Ke3 b4 57.axb4 axb4** And now ...b4-b3 would win. **58.Kd2 Ke7 59.Kc2 Kd6 60.Kd2 Kc5 61.Kc2 Kc6**
[Wrong is 61...Kd4? 62.f6+-]
62.Kd2 c3+ 63.Kc2 Kd6 64.Kb3 Kc5 65.Kc2 Kc4 66.f6 b3+ 67.Kc1 Strongly threatening f6-f7. **67...c2??** 8.18/27
[67...Kd3-+ -4.61/21 68.f7 b2+ 69.Kb1 Kd2 *(69...Kxe4? too greedy. 70.f8Q+-)*]



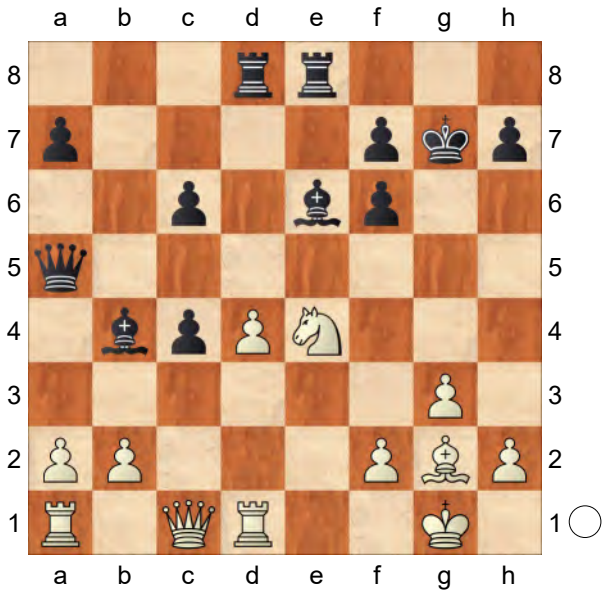
68.Kd2! Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.23 (precise)
1-0

3 **D38**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Yu,Yangyi** **2717**
London TechM GCL rapid (6.3) 07.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

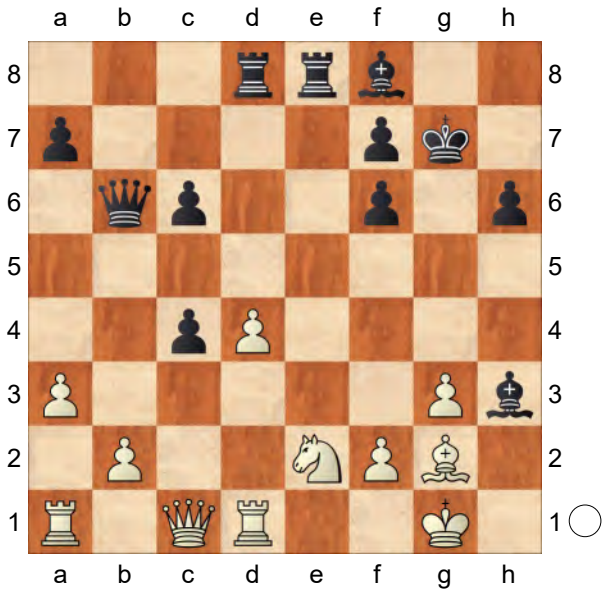
D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c5 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 c4 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bg5 Be6N**
[10...Bxc3 11.bxc3 h6 12.Bxf6 Qxf6 13.Nd2 Ne7 14.e4 Be6 15.Qa4 Rfd8 16.Rab1 b6 17.Qa3 Nc6 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Bxd5 Rxd5 20.Nxc4 Rad8 21.Qb2 b5 22.Ne3 b4 23.Nxd5 Rxd5 24.Rfd1 bxc3 25.Qxc3 1-0 Eljanov,P (2727)-Saric,I (2661) EU-ch 16th Jerusalem 2015 (9) Nxd4 26.Kg2 Qe5 27.Qe3 Qd6 28.Rbc1 Qd7 29.Qc3 Kh7 30.Qd3+ g6 31.Rc4 Rh5 32.Rxd4 Qh3+ 33.Kf3 Rf5+ 34.Rf4 1-0 Ornolfsson,M (2727)-Modestov,B (2661) Politiken Cup Copenhagen 2004 (9)]
11.Ne5 Qa5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.Qc1 Kg7 Wards off Qc1-h6+ **15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4 Rad8 17.Rd1 Rfe8** 1.37/29
[17...Qb6= 0.00/24 keeps the balance.]

(Diagram)

18.a3 0.00/26
[18.Nxf6!± 1.37/29 Kxf6 19.Qh6+ Ke7 20.a3]



18...Bf8= 19.h3 h6 20.Nc3 Qb6 21.Na4 Qb5 22.Nc3 Qb6 23.Ne2 Bxh3
[23...Bg4 simplifies 24.hxg4 Rxe2 25.Qxc4 Rxb2 26.Qxc6 Rxd4 27.Qxb6 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 axb6 29.f4 Bc5+]



Discovered Attack **24.Nf4** -0.72/24
[24.Qxc4= -0.21/22 Bg4 *(24...Qxb2? 25.Ra2+-)* 25.Rd2]
24...Bg4∓ 25.Qxc4! Bxd1
[25...Qxb2 26.Bxc6 Re7 27.Rab1=]

26.Rxd1 And now Nf4-h5+ would win.
26...Rd6!
[26...Qxb2 27.Nh5+ Kg8 *(27...Kg6? 28.g4+-)* 28.Nxf6+ *(28.Qxc6? Re6-+)* 28...Kg7 29.Nxe8+ Rxe8 30.d5 *(30.Bxc6 Re2±; 30.Qxc6 Re6=)* 30...cxd5 31.Qg4+ *(31.Qxd5 Re5=; 31.Rxd5 Re1+* Deflection *32.Kh2 Qxf2=; 31.Bxd5 Qe2±)* 31...Kh8 32.Bxd5± *(32.Rxd5 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Qxf2=)*]
27.b4 Red8 28.d5 Qb5 29.Qb3 a5 0.05/20
[Better is 29...cxd5∓ -0.63/16 30.Bxd5 Qd7]
30.Rc1 The position is equal. **30...cxd5 31.Rc5 a4 32.Qc2 Qe8! 33.Bxd5 Qe5 34.Bxf7** Threatening mate with Qc2-g6+. Discovered Attack **34...Qe1+!**
[Wrong is 34...Rd1+? 35.Kg2 Bxc5 36.Qg6+ Kf8 37.Qg8+ *(37.bxc5? f5-+; 37.Qh7 Rg1+ 38.Kh2 Rh1+ 39.Kg2 Rg1+ 40.Kh3 Rh1+ 41.Kg2 Rg1+=* Decoy *)* 37...Ke7 38.Ng6+ Kd7 39.Nxe5+ fxe5 40.Qg4+ Kc6 41.Qc4+- *(41.bxc5 R1d7+-)*]
35.Kg2 Intending Qc2-g6+ and mate.
35...Kxf7 36.Qh7+ Ke8! 37.Qg6+ Ke7 38.Rc7+
[38.Rc4!? Rd4□ *(38...Qe5? 39.Re4+-* Pin *)* 39.Qh7+ Ke8 40.Qg6+ Ke7 41.Qh7+ Ke8 42.Qg6+ Ke7=]
38...R8d7 39.Rc8 The board is on fire.
39...Rd8 40.Rc4 Rd4
[Don't go for 40...Qe5? 41.Re4+-]
41.Qh7+ Ke8 Threatens to win with ... Qe1-e7. **42.Qg6+ Ke7 43.Qh7+ Ke8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

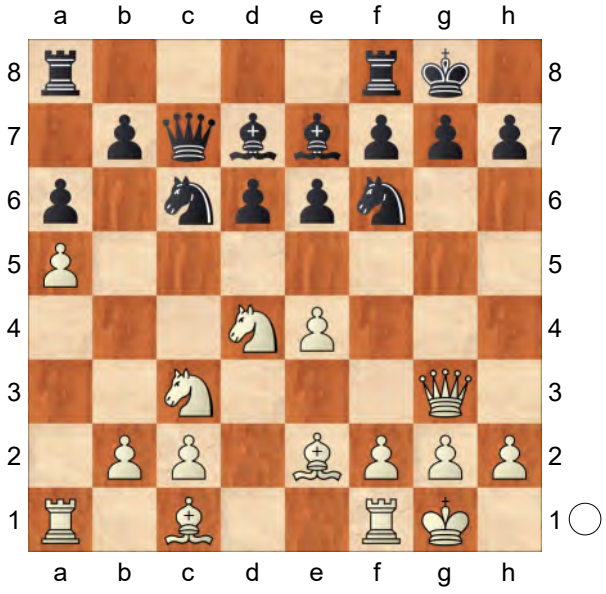
4 **B84**
□ **Yu,Yangyi** **2717**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
London TechM GCL rapid (5.3) 06.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

B84: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 Be2 a6, lines without early Be3 Adams,Michael: 'The high point of the Olympiad from an English point of view was the defeat of China, a result that also put a serious dent in the chances of the defending champions retaining their title. Our 3-1 win was certainly pleasing, although the fact that the combined age of the winners was 95 may not bode well for the future.' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.a4 Qc7 7.Be2 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.a5 0-0**
[9...Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qd3 0-0 12.Qg3 Rb8 13.b3 Nd7 14.Rd1 e5 15.Bg5 Bxg5 16.Qxg5 Nc5 17.Qd2 Rd8 18.Bc4 Be6 19.Qe2 Rb4 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.f3 Rd4 22.Rxd4 exd4 23.b4 dxc3 24.bxc5 1-0 Yu,Y (2716)-Santos Ruiz,M (2587) Speed Chess Q2 Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (7)]
10.Qd3N
[10.Be3 Nbd7 11.Nb3 b5 *(11...Nc5 12.Nxc5 dxc5 13.f4 Rd8 14.Qe1 Bd7 15.Bc4 Bc6 16.f5 Nxe4 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.Bxe6+ Kh8 19.Nxe4 Bxe4 20.Rf7 Qd6 21.Qc3 Bf8 22.Bc4 Qg6 23.Rf2 Bd6 24.Bf7 Qg4 25.Bxc5 Rac8 26.b4* ½-½ Ahnert (2623)-7.00 c6 8. ♗e3 (2528) 58/478 Clichy 1993*)* 12.axb6 Nxb6 13.Qd4 Nbd7 *(13...Nfd7 14.Rfd1 Bb7 15.Na5 Rfc8 16.Ra2 Nc5 17.Nxb7 Qxb7 18.Rda1 Nbd7 19.f3 h6 20.Kh1 Rc6 21.Qd2 Rb8 22.Bf1 Bf6 23.Bd4 Qb4 24.Bxf6 Nxf6 25.Qf2*

Qb6 26.Qd2 Qb4 27.Qf2 Qb6 28.Qd2 ½-½ Zamlutti Junior,R (2672)-Grube,J (2760) Bayern-chl Bank Hofmann 10th Bad Wiessee 2006*)* 14.Rfd1 Ne5 15.Qb6 Qxb6 16.Bxb6 Bb7 17.f3 Nc6 18.Ra4 h6 19.Kf1 Rfc8 20.Bf2 Rcb8 21.Bg3 Rd8 22.Rda1 Rab8 23.Nd1 Bc8 24.Na5 Nxa5 1-0 Adams,M (2724)-Hou,Y (2523) Great Britain - 101/158 Chiva 2007 25.Rxa5 e5 26.Bxa6 Be6 27.b3 Nh5 28.Ne3 Nxg3+ 29.hxg3 Bg5 30.Ke2 g6 31.Bd3 Bxe3 32.Kxe3 f5 33.Ra7 fxe4 34.Bxe4 Bf7 35.R1a6 Rb4 36.Rc7 Rd4 37.Raa7 Rf8 38.c3 Rd1 39.Ke2 1-0 Adams,M (2738)-Wang,Y (2737) Olympiad-42 Baku 2016 (7.1)]

10...Bd7 11.Qg3 White is slightly better.

11...Nc6



12.Bh6! Ne8 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.Be3 Nf6 16.Bh6 Ne8 17.h3 -0.02/25

[17.Be3± 0.43/24]

17...Kh8 0.36/24

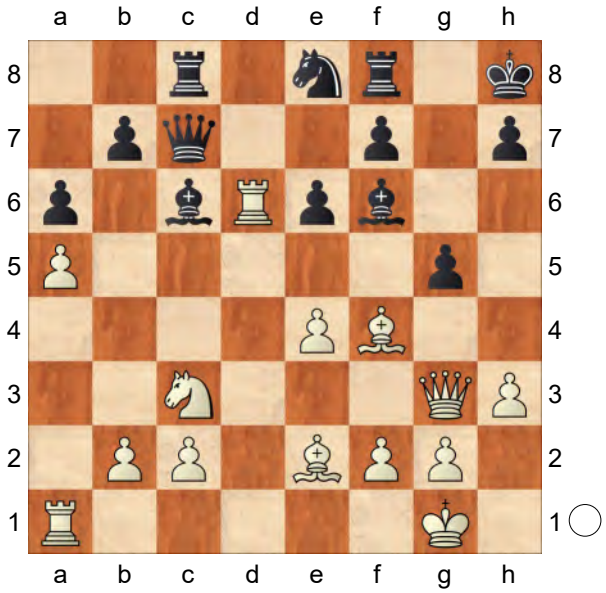
[17...Bf6= -0.02/25 feels stronger.]

18.Bf4 Bf6 19.Rxd6 Rd6-d3 is the strong threat.

[19.Bxd6 Nxd6 20.Rxd6 Bh4=]

[19.Qe3 simplifies Be5 20.Bxe5 dxe5 21.f3]

19...g5



20.Rxc6! Qxc6 Black is weak on the light squares **21.Bxg5 Bxg5 22.Qxg5 Qc5** 0.79/23 Inhibits Qg5-e7.

[22...f6± 0.42/22 23.Qh6 Nd6]

23.Qh6 0.36/21 White is more active.

[23.e5± 0.79/23]

23...Rg8± 24.Bd3 Rg6 Dodges e4-e5 **25.Qf4 Rf6 26.Qh4 Qe5 27.Rf1 Rf4** 1.65/22

[27...Qxa5? 28.e5 Rg6 29.Bxg6 fxg6 30.Rd1 Qxe5 31.Rd8 Qe1+ 32.Kh2 Rxd8 33.Qxd8+-]

[27...Rg6± 0.85/23]

28.Qe7+- Nd6 29.Ne2! Rf6 30.f4 0.80/19

[⌓30.b4! 1.50/25 aiming for f2-f4. Rg6 31.g4 *(31.f4 Qg7+-)* 31...Nxe4 32.Qxb7]

30...Qc5+± 31.Kh2 Nxe4 Discovered Attack **32.Qxb7 Nd6**

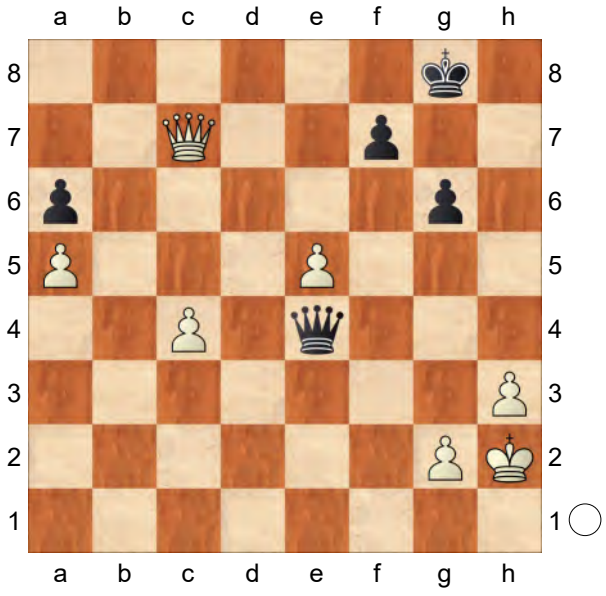
[32...Nd2 33.Rg1±]

33.Qe7 0.23/25

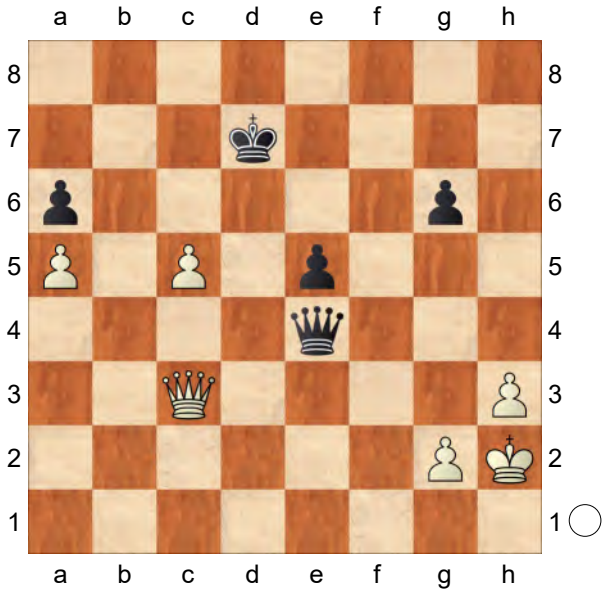
[33.Qxa6 e5 34.Nc3 e4∓]

[33.Qb6± 0.63/24 Nc4 34.Qb7]

33...Rh6 0.74/21
[33...Ne4!= 0.23/25 remains equal. 34.Qb7 Nd6 *(34...Nd2 35.Rg1±)*]
34.b4 0.21/20
[Better is 34.c3± 0.74/21]
34...Qxb4= 35.Qg5→ Prevents Qb4-c5. White is up to no good. **35...Rg6 36.Bxg6**
[36.Qe5+ feels hotter. Rg7 37.Bxa6 Ra8 38.c3]
36...hxg6 37.Rd1 Kg8? 3.72/22
[37...Nf5!± 0.32/23]
38.Qe7!+- Qc4 39.Rxd6 Qxe2 40.Rd8+ Rxd8 41.Qxd8+ Endgame. KQ-KQ **41...Kh7?** 5.90/24
[41...Kg7 2.87/26 42.Qd4+ Kf8]
42.Qc7 Kg8 43.c4 2.51/26
[⌓43.Qb8+ 4.96/27 Kh7 44.Qf8]
43...e5 3.94/30
[43...Qc2 2.51/26 was called for. 44.c5 Qc4 45.Qd8+ Kg7]
44.fxe5
[44.Qxe5 Qxc4 45.Qb8+ Kg7=]
44...Qe4



45.e6? 0.65/24
[White has to play 45.Qd8+!+- 3.69/25 Kh7 46.Qd5 Qf4+ 47.Kg1]
45...fxe6? 4.91/23
[45...Qxe6± 0.65/24 46.c5 Kf8]
46.c5 e5 47.Qd8+ Kf7 48.Qd7+ Kf6 49.Qd6+ Kf7 50.Qd7+
[50.Qxa6 Qf4+ 51.Kg1 Qe3+ 52.Kf1 Qc1+ 53.Ke2 Qc2+ 54.Ke1 *(54.Kf3 Qc3+ 55.Ke2 Qc2+ 56.Kf3 Qc3+ 57.Ke4 Qd4+ 58.Kf3 Qc3+=)* 54...Qc1+ 55.Ke2 Qxc5=]
50...Kf6 51.Qd8+ Kf7 52.Qd2 Ke6 53.Qc3? 0.65/23
[White should play 53.Kg3+- 4.12/26 Black must now prevent Kg3-h2. Qd4 54.Qc1 *(54.Qxd4 exd4 55.Kf3 Kd5+-)*]
53...Kd7!±



54.Qd2+ 0.59/24
[54.Qb2!± 1.11/27]
54...Ke6? 3.10/20
[54...Kc6!± 0.59/24]
55.Qd1+- Ke7 56.Kh1 Qd1-d6+ would now be deadly.
[56.Qd6+ Ke8=]
56...Qf4? 3.65/20
[56...Qc6 1.98/21 is a better defense.]
57.c6 e4 58.Qd7+ Kf6 59.c7? 0.00/52
[White should try 59.Qd4++- 3.62/22 Ke7 60.Qg7+ Ke6 61.Qxg6+ Kd5

62.Kg1]

59...Qc1+= The position is equal.

60.Kh2 Qf4+ 61.Kg1

[61.g3!? Qf2+□ 62.Kh1 Qf1+ 63.Kh2 Qf2+ 64.Kh1 Qe1+ *(64...Qf1+ 65.Kh2=)* 65.Kg2 Qe2+ 66.Kg1 Qe1+ 67.Kg2 Qe2+ 68.Kg1 Qe1+ 69.Kg2=]

61...Qc1+ 62.Kf2

[62.Kh2!? Qf4+□ 63.Kg1 Qc1+ 64.Kf2 Qb2+ 65.Ke3 Qc3+ 66.Ke2 *(66.Kxe4 Qe1+ 67.Kf3 Qf1+ 68.Kg3 Qe1+ 69.Kf3 Qf1+ 70.Kg4 Qe2+ 71.Kg3 Qe3+ 72.Kh2 Qe5+ 73.g3 Qe2+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kh2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1 Qe1+ 77.Kg2 Qe2+ 78.Kg1=)* 66...Qc4+ 67.Ke1 *(67.Ke3 Qc3+ 68.Kf2 Qc5+ 69.Ke2 Qc4+ 70.Kd2 Qb4+ 71.Ke2 Qc4+=)* 67...Qc1+ 68.Qd1 *(68.Ke2 Qc4+ 69.Ke1 Qc1+ 70.Qd1 Qxc7±)* 68...Qxc7 69.Qd4+ Kf5 70.Qf2+ Ke6 71.Qa2+ Kf5 72.Qd5+ Kf4 73.Kd1=]

62...Qc5+ 63.Ke2 Qc2+ 64.Ke3 Qc1+ 65.Kxe4 Qe1+ 66.Kf3

[66.Kd5!? Qd1+□ 67.Kc6 Qa4+ 68.Kd6 Qa3+ 69.Kd5 *(69.Kc6 Qa4+ 70.Kd6 Qd1+ 71.Kc6 Qa4+=)* 69...Qd3+ 70.Kc6 Qb5+ 71.Kd6 Qe5+ 72.Kc6 Qb5+ 73.Kd6 Qd3+ 74.Kc6 Qb5+=]

66...Qf1+ 67.Kg3

[67.Ke3!? Qe1+□ 68.Kf3 Qf1+ 69.Kg3 Qe1+ 70.Kh2 Qe5+ 71.Kg1 *(71.g3 Qe2+ 72.Kg1 Qe1+ 73.Kg2 Qe2+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kg2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1=)* 71...Qe1+ 72.Kh2 Qe5+ 73.g3 Qe2+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kg2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1 Qe1+ 77.Kg2 Qe2+ 78.Kg1=]

67...Qe1+ 68.Kf3

[68.Kh2!? Qe5+□ 69.Kg1 *(69.g3 Qe2+ 70.Kg1 Qe1+ 71.Kg2 Qe2+ 72.Kg1 Qe1+ 73.Kh2 Qf2+ 74.Kh1 Qf1+ 75.Kh2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1=)* 69...Qe1+ 70.Kh2 Qe5+ 71.Kg1 *(71.g3 Qe2+ 72.Kg1 Qe1+ 73.Kg2 Qe2+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kg2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1=)* 71...Qe1+ 72.Kh2=]

68...Qf1+ 69.Ke3 Qe1+ 70.Kf3 Qf1+ 71.Ke4

[71.Kg3!? Qe1+□ 72.Kh2 Qe5+ 73.g3 Qe2+ 74.Kg1 Qe1+ 75.Kg2 Qe2+ 76.Kg1 Qe1+ 77.Kg2 Qe2+ 78.Kg1=]

71...Qe2+ 72.Kf4 Qf2+ 73.Ke4 Qe2+ 74.Kf4 Intending Qd7-d4+ and mate.

74...Qf2+ 75.Kg4 Qxg2+ 76.Kf4 Qf2+ 77.Kg4 Threatens to win with Qd7-d6+.

77...Qg2+ 78.Kf4 Qf2+ 79.Ke4 Threatening mate with Qd7-d4+.

79...Qe2+ 80.Kd5 Qd3+ 81.Kc6 Qb5+ 82.Kd6 Qd7-e7+ would kill now.

82...Qe5+ 83.Kc6 Qb5+ 84.Kd6 White threatens Qd7-e7+ and mate.

84...Qe5+ White really could win this.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/ Black=0.50

½-½

5 **D15**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

■ **Rapport,Richard** **2721**

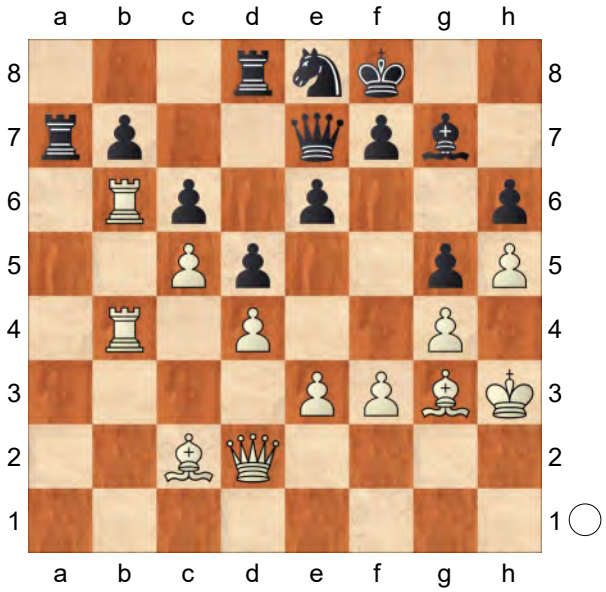
London TechM GCL rapid (1.2) 03.10.24

[Kitty Kat]

D15: Slav Defence: 4 Nc3 a6 and gambit lines after 4 Nc3 dxc4 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Qb6 5.c5N**

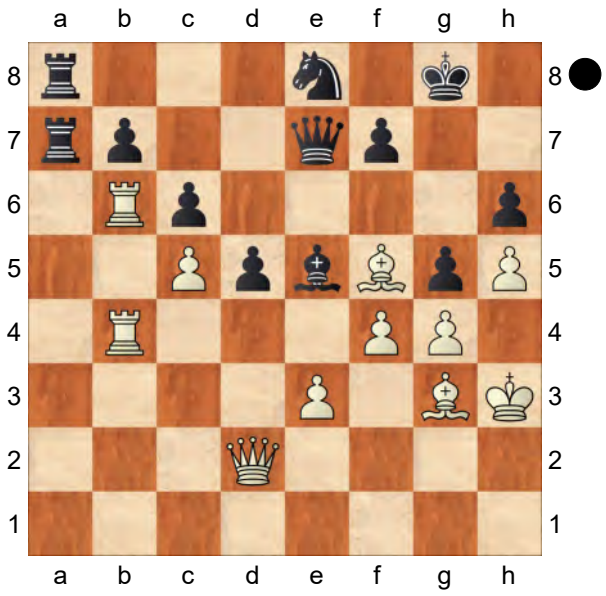
[5.cxd5 cxd5 6.a3 Nc6 7.Bf4 Bg4 8.e3 e6 9.Bd3 Be7 10.h3 Bh5 11.Rb1 0-0 12.Qc2 Bg6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.0-0 Rac8 15.Qd3 Qd8 16.b4 Bd6 17.Bg5 Qd7 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Rfc1 Bb8 0-1 Klimenko,V-

Schuster,V EST-ch20 corr Estonia 1993]
[5.Qc2 Bg4 6.cxd5 cxd5 7.e4 dxe4 8.Ne5 Bd7 9.Bc4 e6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Nxe4 Quickstarter Slav-Slav Qb6 Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
[5.Qa4 e6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Qc2 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Bd2 b6 11.cxd5 cxd5 12.Rfc1 Qb8 13.a4 D 15/01 2003]
5...Qc7 6.g3 Bf5 7.Bf4 Qc8 Black is weak on the dark squares **8.h3** White is slightly better. **8...h6 9.g4 Bh7 10.e3 Nbd7 11.b4 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bd3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 g6 15.h4 Bg7 16.h5 g5** 0.78/22
[16...e5± 0.34/23]
17.Bg3± a5 18.Rb1 axb4 19.0-0!
[19.Rxb4 Nxc5 20.Bf5 e6∓]
19...Rxa2 20.Rxb4 Ra3 21.Qe2 White has strong compensation. **21...0-0 22.Rfb1 Ra7 23.Bc2 Re8 24.Qd3 Nf8!** Against Qd3-h7+ **25.Qf5 e6 26.Qf3 Qd7 27.Bd6 Nh7** 0.85/22
[27...Qc8± 0.46/19]
28.Kg2 Bf8 29.Be5 White threatens Bc2xh7+ and mate. This pair of bishops is nice. **29...Bg7! 30.Bd6 Bf8 31.Bg3 Bg7 32.Rb6** 0.36/20
[32.R1b3± 0.85/22]
32...Rea8 0.87/24
[32...e5!± 0.36/20]
33.R1b4 Nf6 1.34/22
[33...Nf8± 0.64/20]
34.Qd1! Qc8 35.Rb1 0.53/23
[White should try 35.Bb1!± 1.15/23]
35...Nd7 36.R6b4 Nf6 37.Bd3 Nd7 38.Bc2 Nf6 39.Be5 Nd7 40.Bd6 Nf6 41.f3 Ne8 ...Ne8xd6 is the strong threat. **42.Bg3 Qd7** 1.35/21
[⌓42...Nf6 0.87/21]
43.Qd3 Kf8 44.R1b2 Qe7 45.Qc3 0.54/22
[45.R4b3± 1.23/24]
45...Kg8 1.39/22
[45...e5!± 0.54/22]
46.Qd3 Kf8 47.Qc3 0.61/19
[47.R4b3± 1.02/22]
47...Kg8 1.54/21
[47...e5!± 0.61/19]
48.Rb6 Ra3 49.Qd2 1.10/21
[⌓49.R2b3 1.51/22 R3a7 50.Qb2]
49...R3a7 50.Kh3 0.74/18
[Better is 50.Qc3 1.38/20]
50...Rd8 1.12/19
[⌓50...e5 0.74/18]
51.Qd3 Kf8 52.Qd2 Rd7 53.R2b4 Rd8 1.25/21
[⌓53...Kg8 0.74/19]
54.Bd3 0.45/21
[54.Qc3!± 1.25/21]
54...Rda8 0.98/21
[54...e5!± 0.45/21]
55.Bc2 Rd8 1.25/21
[55...e5± 0.67/24]

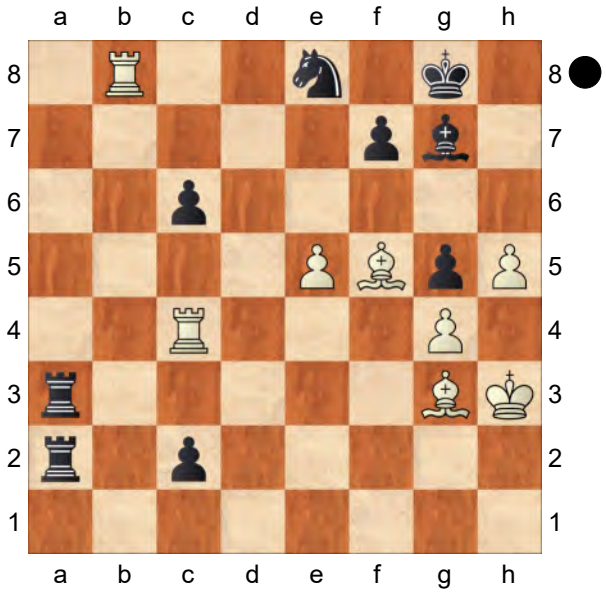


56.Qd1 0.44/22
[56.Qc3!± 1.25/21]
56...Rda8 0.91/23
[56...e5!± 0.44/22]

57.Qd2 0.00/24
[57.Qd3± 0.91/23]
57...Qf6 0.93/23
[57...Rd8!= 0.00/24]
58.Kg2 Qe7 59.Kh3 0.00/21
[59.Bb1± 0.88/22]
59...e5 0.57/21
[59...Rd8!= 0.00/21]
60.Bf5 0.04/21
[60.Rb3± 0.57/21]
60...Kg8 0.44/21
[60...Bf6= 0.04/21]
61.dxe5 -0.06/18
[61.Rb2± 0.44/21]
61...Bxe5= 62.f4 -1.04/18
[62.Bxe5= -0.12/20 keeps the balance. Qxe5 63.Rxb7]

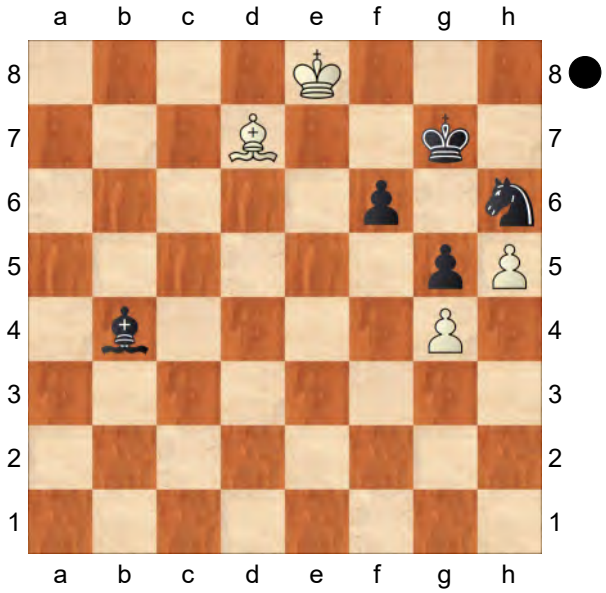


62...Bg7 -0.08/20
[62...gxf4!∓ -1.04/18 63.exf4 Ba1]
63.e4 -1.27/17
[63.fxg5= -0.08/20 hxg5 64.Qd3]
63...Ra2 -0.44/20
[Black should play 63...Qxc5∓ -1.27/17 64.fxg5 Ra1 *(64...Bc3 65.Qf4=)*]
64.Qe3!∓ d4 65.Qf3! Qxc5 And now ... Ra2-a3 would win.
[65...R2a3 with more complications. 66.Rb3 Rxb3 67.Qxb3 Qxc5 68.Rxb7 Nd6]
66.fxg5 hxg5 0.00/25
[66...Nd6!∓ -0.63/20 67.g6 *(67.gxh6 Bxh6 68.Rb1 R2a3∓)* 67...Kh8]
67.Rxb7= Qc3
[67...R2a3!? 68.Rb3□ Nd6=]
68.Qxc3 dxc3 69.e5 c2 70.Rc4 R8a3→ Black has some attack. **71.Rb8?** -4.42/22
[71.Rxc2? Bxe5 72.Rxa2 Rxg3+ 73.Kh2 Rb3+ *(73...Rxg4+? 74.Kh1∓)* 74.Kg2 Rxb7-+]
[71.Bxc2= -0.27/21 and White has nothing to worry. Bxe5 72.Bb3]



71...Rxg3+!-+ Remove Defender, Decoy
72.Kxg3 Bxe5+ 73.Kf3 Bxb8 74.Rxc6 Ra3+ 75.Ke2 Bf4 76.Bxc2 Re3+ 77.Kf2 Re6 78.Rc8 Kg7 79.Bf5 Re7 80.Rc6 Nd6 81.Bc2 f6 82.Bg6 Nf7 83.Bf5 Nh6 84.Bc8? -5.88/18
[84.Be6 -3.67/17]
84...Be5 Threatens to win with ...Re7-c7.
85.Kf3? -6.07/19
[85.Ra6 -3.77/18]
85...Rc7 Black is clearly winning.

86.Rxc7+ Bxc7 87.Ke4 Bb6 88.Kd5 Ba7 89.Be6 Bb6 90.Kd6 Bd4 91.Kd5 Be5 92.Kc6 Kf8 93.Kd7 Kg7 94.Ke7 Bc3 95.Bd7 Bb4+ 96.Ke8



f5! 97.gxf5 Kf6 98.Bc6 g4 99.Kd7 Nxf5 100.Bh1 Kg5 White must now prevent ...Nf5-d4! **101.Ke6 Nd4+ 102.Ke5 Nf3+ 103.Ke4 Nh4**

[Weaker is 103...Kxh5 104.Bxf3 Be1 105.Bxg4+ Kxg4=]

104.Ke3 Kxh5 105.Kf4 Bd6+ 106.Ke4 Kg5 107.Kd5 Prevents Bd6-c5. **107...Bc7** aiming for ...Kg5-f4. **108.Ke4 Bb8** Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)

0-1

6 **B12**

□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2832**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**

Olympiad-45 Budapest (6.3) 16.09.2024

[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nd2 e6 5.Nb3 Nd7 6.Nf3 Ne7** 0.61/17

[6...c5= 0.25/18]

7.Be2± h6 8.0-0 Bh7 White is slightly better. **9.a4!** is now more promising than 9.Bd2. im Vergleich zu 9.Ld2 vielversprechender. **9...a5**

[9...a6 10.Bd2 Qc7 11.Rc1 Rd8 12.Ba5 b6 13.Bb4 a5 14.Bd6 Qb7 15.Qd2 Nc8 16.Bxf8 Nxf8 17.Ne1 Ne7 18.Nd3 Nd7 19.Nf4 0-0 20.Rfe1 Rc8 21.c3 Rc7 22.g4 Qb8 23.Qe3 Qd8 24.h3 0-1 Firouzja,A (2728)-Ding,L (2791) chess24.com (Int.-m/2-rapid) 144/60 2020]

10.Bd2 Qb6

[10...Nc8 11.Rc1 Be7 12.Qe1 b6 13.h3 0-0 14.c4 Be4 15.Nh2 c5 16.f3 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Bc6 18.Ng4 h5 19.Nf2 Bxa4 20.Qe4 Ra7 21.g4 h4 22.d5 exd5 23.Bxd5 c4 24.Bxc4 Nxe5 25.Qxe5 0-1 Heimisson,H (2391)-Vidit,S (2720) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (2.3)]

11.Rc1N

[11.h3 Nc8 12.Ne1 Bb4 13.c3 Be7 14.Bd3 0-0 15.Be3 c5 16.Bxh7+ Kxh7 17.f4 c4 18.Qc2+ g6 19.Nd2 f5 20.g4 Rg8 21.Ng2 Kh8 22.Bf2 Rg7 23.Kh2 Qc7 24.Rg1 Ncb6 25.Nf3 Rf8 ½-½ Dovrinder,B (2337)-6...dxc4 madness: 7...Be6 25 (2219) Open_1999 - Finalrunde www.desc-online.de [6] 26.Be3 Qc8 27.Ngh4 Bxh4 28.Nxh4 Rfg8 29.Qf2 Qe8 30.Qc2 Nf8 31.Rg3 h5 32.Nf3 hxg4 33.hxg4 Rh7+ 34.Kg2 Rh6 35.Rh1 Rxh1 ½-½ Caruso,A (2337)-Zajsek,F (2219) corr Danube/5 ICCF 2016 [6]]

11...g5N 0.87/20

[Vorgänger: 11...Nf5 12.Bd3 Bb4 13.Bxb4 Qxb4 14.c3 Qe7 15.Qc2 Bg6 16.g3 0-0 17.Rfe1 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nxc5 Qxc5 ½-½ So,W (2772)-Carlsen,M (2847) San Fermin

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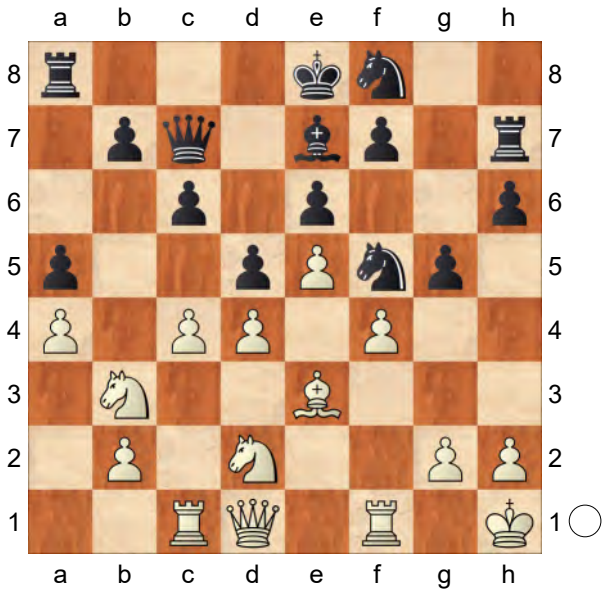
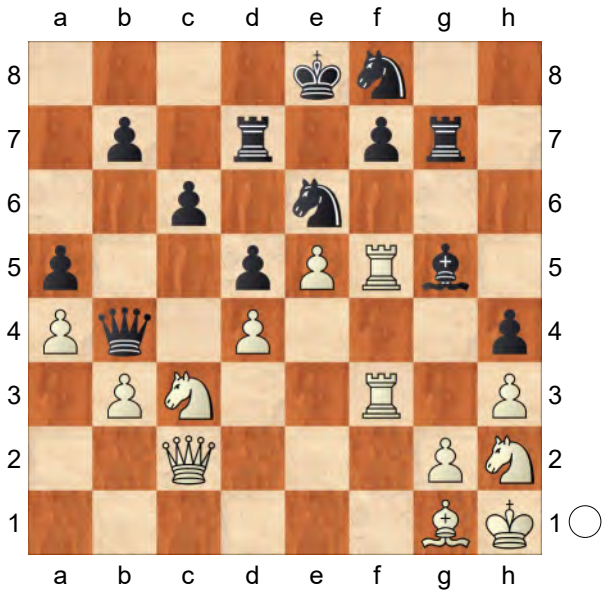
[11...Nf5± 0.48/21]
12.Kh1 Ng6 13.Bd3 Bb4 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Nfd2 Nh4 16.Bxh7 Rxh7 17.c3 Be7 18.c4 Nf8 19.f4 Strongly threatening c4xd5. **19...Nf5** 1.32/20
[⌓19...Qd7 0.72/22]

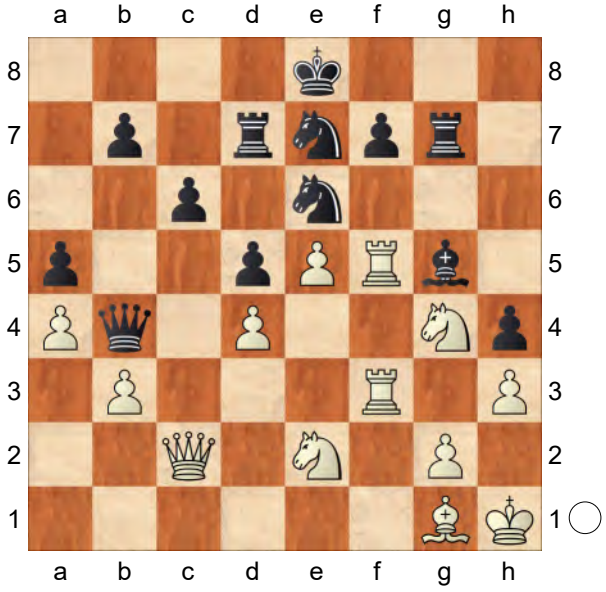


20.Bg1!± gxf4 21.cxd5
[Don't take 21.Rxf4 Qd8±]
21...exd5 22.Rxf4 Ng7 23.Qc2 h5 24.Rcf1 0.98/22 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[⌓24.h3 1.36/21]
24...Nge6 25.Rf5 Qb6 26.Nb1 h4 27.h3 Rg7 28.Nc3 Bg5 1.69/22 Inhibits Bg1-e3.
[28...Ng5± 0.91/22]
29.Nd2 Qa6
[29...Nxd4? loses. 30.Bxd4 Qxd4 31.Nf3+-]
30.R1f3 1.18/22
[White should play 30.Rd1 1.56/20]
30...Rd8 31.Nf1 Rd7 32.Nh2 1.07/21
[⌓32.Ne2 1.43/21]
32...Qc4 1.48/21
[⌓32...Ng6 1.07/21]

33.b3 Qb4



34.Ne2 0.75/21
[34.Rf1!+- 1.78/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
34...Ng6 1.53/21
[⌓34...Qd2 0.75/21 35.Qxd2 Bxd2]
35.Ng4 0.68/20
[35.Rd3± 1.53/21]
35...Ne7!±



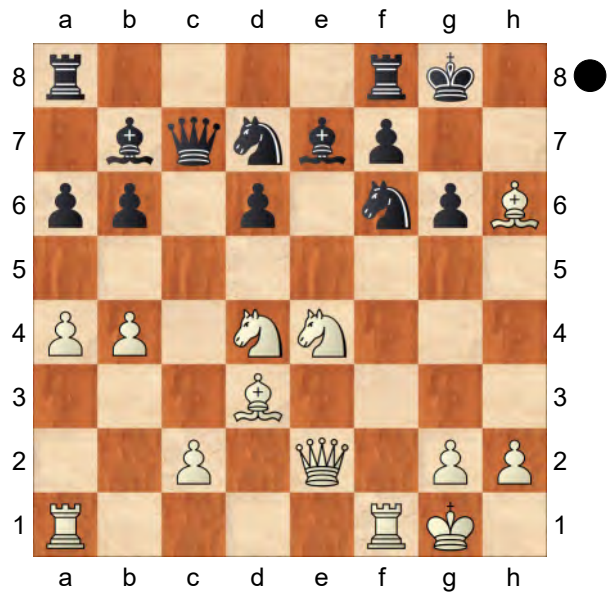
36.Rf6 Qd2! 37.Qxd2 Bxd2 38.Be3 0.25/21
[38.Rf1± 0.69/20 is superior.]
38...Bxe3= 39.Rxe3 c5 40.dxc5 d4!

41.Rd3 Black must now prevent Rf6xe6! **41...Nc6 42.Rxe6+** The position is equal. **42...fxe6 43.Nf6+ Kf8** Threatens to win with ...Rd7-d8. **44.Nxd7+ Rxd7** Endgame. KRN-KRN **45.g3 Kg8 46.gxh4 Rd5 47.Kg2 Kh7** [47...Nxe5 48.Rxd4 Rxc5 49.Rd6] **48.Rd2 Rxc5 49.Nxd4 Nxd4 50.Rxd4** aiming for Rd4-d7+. KR-KR **50...b5 51.Kf3 Rxe5 52.Re4 Rf5+ 53.Ke3 bxa4 54.bxa4 Rh5 55.Rg4 Kh6 56.Kd4 Rd5+ 57.Kc4 Re5 58.Kd4 Rd5+ 59.Ke3 Rh5 60.Re4 Kg7 61.Kf3 Kf6 62.Kg4 Rh8 63.Rf4+ Kg6 64.Re4 Kf6 65.h5 Rg8+ 66.Kf3 Rg5 67.Rh4** And now h5-h6 would win. **67...Kg7 68.h6+ Kh7 69.Re4 Rh5 70.Kg4 Rxh6 71.Re5 Rg6+ 72.Kf4 Rf6+ 73.Kg3 Rg6+ 74.Kh2 Rf6 75.Rxa5 Rf3 76.Rg5 Ra3 77.a5 Kh6 78.h4 Ra4 79.Kg3 Ra3+ 80.Kf4 Ra4+ 81.Ke3 Rxh4 82.Re5 Kg7 83.a6 Ra4** Dodges Re5-a5 **84.Rxe6 Kf7 85.Rh6 Kg7 86.Rb6 Kf7 87.Kd3 Ke7** Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

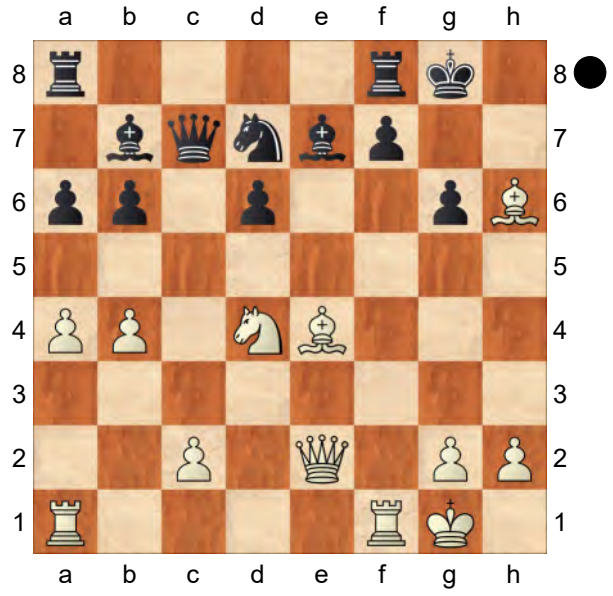
7 **B51**
□ **Svidler,Peter** **2698**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
London TechM GCL rapid (10.3)
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell, A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Ngf6 6.Bd3 Nc5 7.Nc3 a6 8.0-0 White has an edge. **8...e6 9.a4 b6 10.b4 Ncd7** 1.09/23
[10...Nxd3± 0.40/25 11.cxd3 d5]
11.f4 Qc7 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Qe2 g6 14.f5 exf5 1.95/20
[14...gxf5± 0.98/23 15.exf5 e5]
15.exf5++- Be7 16.Ne4 0-0 17.fxg6 0.88/21
[⌓17.Ng5 1.46/23]
17...hxg6± 18.Bh6 -0.08/23
[Better is 18.Ng5± 1.07/23]

(Diagram)

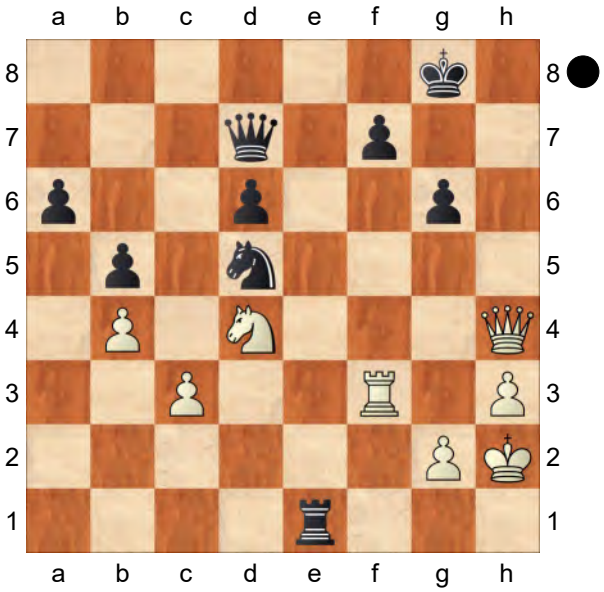


18...Nxe4!= 19.Bxe4



Bf6! 20.Rxf6 Nxf6 21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.Bxf8
[22.Qf1 is interesting. Ng4 23.Bxf8 Qe4 24.Qd3]
22...Rxf8 23.Rf1 Re8 24.Qd3 Ng4 25.h3 Ne3 26.Rf3 Nd5→ Black mounts an attack. **27.c3 Re1+ 28.Kf2 Ra1 29.Ne2 Ra2** 1.02/25
[29...Rxa4= 0.08/21 30.Qe4 Ra2]
30.Kg1 0.00/25
[White must play 30.Qb1!± 1.02/25 Rxa4 31.c4]

30...Rxa4 31.Qe4 aiming for Qe4-e8+.
31...Ra1+ 32.Kh2 c3-c4 would now be deadly. **32...Re1! 33.Rf2** -0.50/24
[33.Rd3= -0.01/25]
33...b5!∓ 34.Qf3 -0.99/33
[34.Qe8+∓ -0.38/23 Kg7 35.Qe4]
34...Qa7!∓ Black is more active. **35.Nd4 Ne3 36.Qf6** Inhibits Qa7-e7. **36...Qd7** -0.65/23 Dodges Qf6-d8+
[36...Qc7∓ -1.38/25 Hoping for ...Ne3-d5! 37.Qf4 Qe7 *(37...Qxc3 38.Qxf7+ Kh8 39.Qf8+ Kh7 40.Rf7#)*]
37.Rf3 -1.20/21
[37.Nf3!∓ -0.65/23 Rf1 38.Rxf1 Nxf1+ 39.Kg1]
37...Nd5 -0.60/25
[37...Qc7∓ -1.20/21 38.Qf4 *(38.Ne6 Ng4+ 39.hxg4 Rxe6∓)* 38...Qe7 *(38...Qxc3 39.Qxf7+ Kh8 40.Qf8+ Kh7 41.Rf7#)*]
38.Qh4 -1.80/25
[38.Qg5∓ -0.60/25 Re5 39.Qd2]



38...Qe7 -1.18/22
[38...Qe8!-+ -1.80/25 And now ...Qe8-e5+ would win. 39.Nf5 Qe5+ *(39...gxf5?* perishes. *40.Rg3+ Kf8*

41.Qh8+ Ke7 42.Rg8+-) 40.Qg3 Qxg3+ 41.Nxg3 Ne3]

39.Qf2? -2.80/23

[39.Qxe7∓ -1.18/22 was necessary. Rxe7 *(39...Nxe7? 40.Rd3-+)* 40.Nc6]

39...Re3 -1.40/25

[39...Qe5+-+ -2.80/23 40.Rg3 Ne3 *(40...Nxc3 41.Nf5∓)*]

40.Rxe3 Qxe3 -0.84/23 Endgame. KQN-KQN

[Black should play 40...Nxe3 -1.54/24 41.Qf3 Kg7]

41.Qh4? -4.67/21

[41.Qxe3∓ -0.84/23 was the crucial defense. Nxe3 42.Nc6]

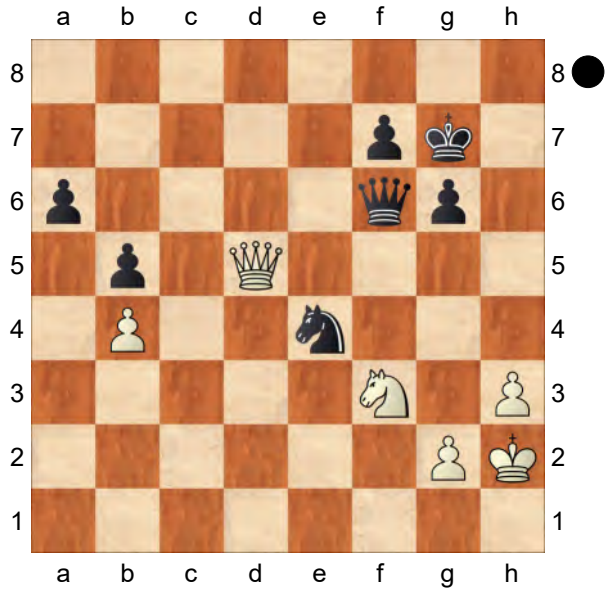
41...Qe5+

[41...Nxc3 42.Qd8+ Kg7 43.Qxd6∓]

42.Kh1 Nxc3 43.Nc6 Qe6 44.Ne7+ Kg7 45.Nc6 Ne4 46.Nd4 Qe5 47.Nf3 Qa1+ 48.Kh2 d5 49.Qd8 Qf6 -2.27/19

[⌓49...Qc3 -4.96/21 50.Qxd5 Qxb4 51.Qe5+ Nf6]

50.Qxd5-+



Qd6+ -0.71/30

[50...Qf4+!-+ -2.05/21 51.Kg1 Qc1+ 52.Kh2 Qf4+ 53.Kg1 Nc3 Discovered Attack]

51.Qxd6∓ Nxd6 52.Ne5 Nc4! 53.Nd3 a5! 54.bxa5 Nxa5 White must now prevent ...Kg7-f6. **55.Nb4 Kf6** What a bad dream for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.31

0-1

8 **E71**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

■ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2700**

London TechM GCL rapid (8.2) 09.10.24

[Kitty Kat]

E71: King's Indian: 4 e4 d6 5 h3 **1.c4 g6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Bg7 5.h3 e5 6.d5 a5 7.Be3 Na6 8.Nf3** White is slightly better. **8...Nc5!** now scores much better than the old 8...0-0. punktet besser als das ältere 8...0-0. **9.Qc2 0-0 10.g4 Bd7 11.Be2 a4!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **12.Nd2 c6 13.g5 Ne8 14.h4 Qa5** 0.97/16

[14...f5± 0.40/20]

15.Rb1 Nc7N 1.10/21

[15...Qd8± 0.69/18 is more appropriate.]

[15...f5 16.f3 Qd8 17.b4 axb3 18.Nxb3 Nxb3 19.Rxb3 cxd5 20.cxd5 Qc8 21.Qb2 fxe4 22.Nxe4 Rf7 23.Kf2 Bg4 24.Bb6 Qf5 25.Kg2 Ra4 26.Ng3 Qd7 27.fxg4 Nc7 28.Qd2 Rff4 29.Rc1 Na6 30.Qc2 1-0 Hagel (2345)-Smith,L (2037) Magyarorszag (ch) 20/210 1975 (5)]

16.h5 0.66/21

[16.b4!± 1.10/21 axb3 17.Nxb3 Nxb3 18.Rxb3]

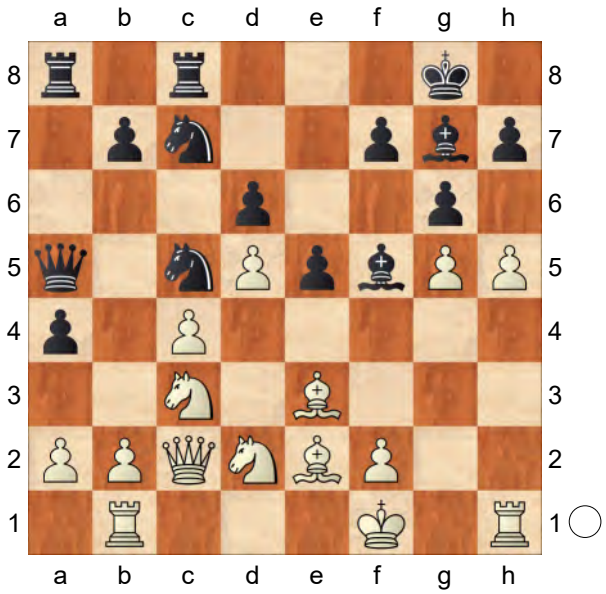
16...Rfc8N 1.12/20

[16...cxd5 17.cxd5 b5 Prevents Nd2-c4. 18.b4 axb3 19.Nxb3 0.12/19 *(19.axb3± 0.67/23 N7a6 20.Na2)*

19...Nxb3= 20.Qxb3 With the idea h5-h6. Na6 21.0-0 Rfb8 22.h6 -0.68/22 *(White should try 22.Bxb5± 0.44/21 Bxb5 23.Nxb5)* 22...Bf8 0.68/20 ;0-1 Chueca Forcen,A (2323)-Castellanos Rodriguez,R (2497) Barcelona Sants op 13th 2011 (5) *(22...b4!∓ -0.68/22 23.Nd1 Bf8)*]

[16...cxd5± 0.66/21 17.Bxc5 *(17.exd5 Bf5=; 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.Bxc5 Nf4∓; 17.cxd5 b5±)* 17...Qxc5]

17.Kf1 cxd5 18.exd5 Bf5



19.Qd1 N7a6 20.a3 Qd8 21.Kg2 Qd7 22.hxg6 fxg6

(Diagram)

23.Rh4! Rf8

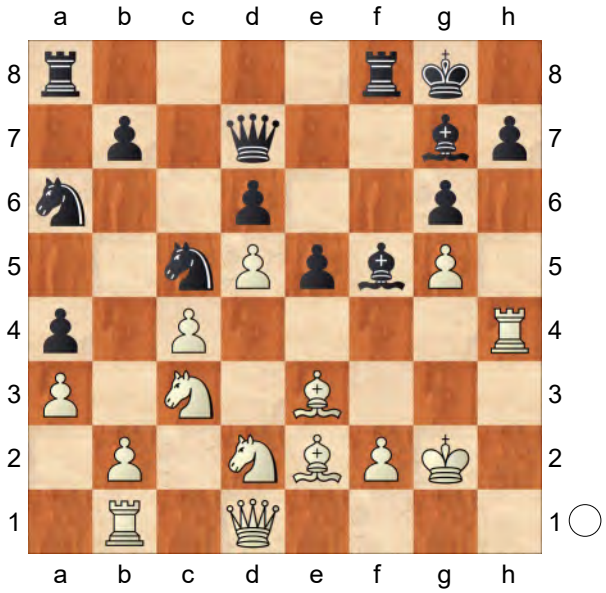
[23...Bxb1 24.Qxb1 Rd8 25.Nde4+- *(25.Qh1 h5±)*]

[23...h5 24.gxh6]

(Diagram)

24.Qh1 0.31/18 **Bxb1± 25.Qxb1**

[25.Ncxb1 is interesting. Qe7



26.Rxh7 Rf4 27.Bxf4 exf4 28.Bg4]

25...Qe7 26.Qh1 Bh8 1.00/23

[26...Rf4!= 0.17/22 27.Rxh7 Qxg5+ 28.Kf1 Qf5 *(28...Raf8 29.Nde4±)*]

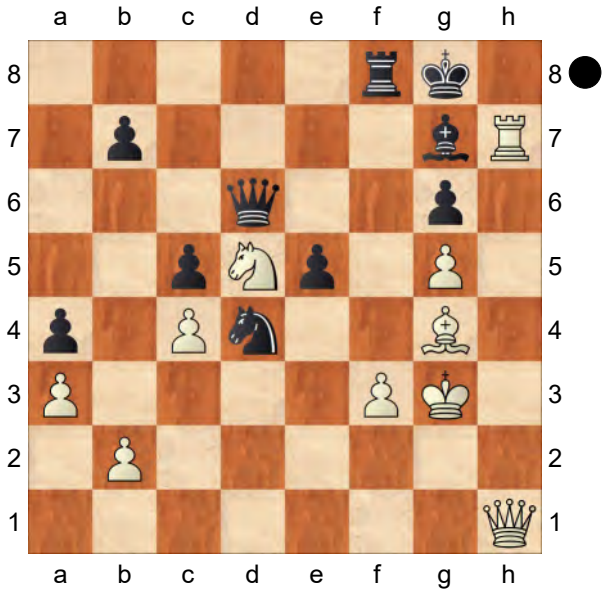
27.Bg4± Nc7? 3.42/18

[27...e4± 0.95/19 keeps fighting.]

28.Bxc5+- dxc5 29.Nde4 Black must now prevent d5-d6. **29...Ra6 30.d6** Deflection **30...Rxd6 31.Nxd6 Qxd6 32.Rxh7 Bg7 33.Ne4!** Intending Rh7xg7+ and mate.

[33.Nxa4? Rf4 *(33...Qc6+ 34.Kg1∓)* 34.Rxg7+ Kxg7-+]

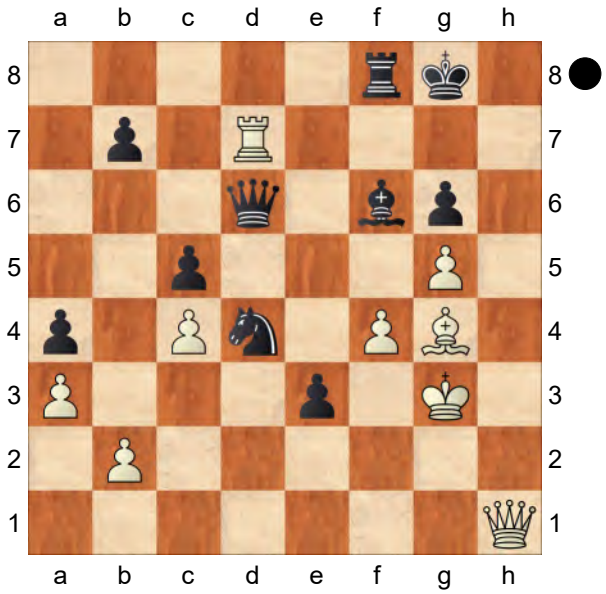
33...Qc6 2.73/23
[⌓33...Qb6 1.86/24 34.Kg1 Rf7]
34.f3? 0.51/21
[34.Bf3+- 2.73/23]
34...Ne6!± 35.Kg3 0.00/23
[35.Bxe6+± 0.53/27 Qxe6 36.Rh4 *(36.Nxc5 Qf5=)*]
35...Nd4= 36.Nc3 Qd6 Strongly threatening ...e5-e4+. The board is on fire. **37.Nd5** -0.76/21
[37.Nxa4? perishes. e4+ 38.Kf2 Nxf3 *(38...exf3? 39.Qh2-+)* 39.Rxg7+ Kxg7 40.Qh6+ Kg8-+]
[37.Ne4= -0.06/22 remains equal. Qa6 38.Nxc5]



37...e4+ 0.00/28
[37...Ne2+!∓ -0.76/21 38.Kf2 Nf4]
38.f4 e3 39.Nf6+? -5.00/29
[39.Rh2= 0.00/24 and White stays safe.]
39...Bxf6-+ 40.Rd7

(Diagram)

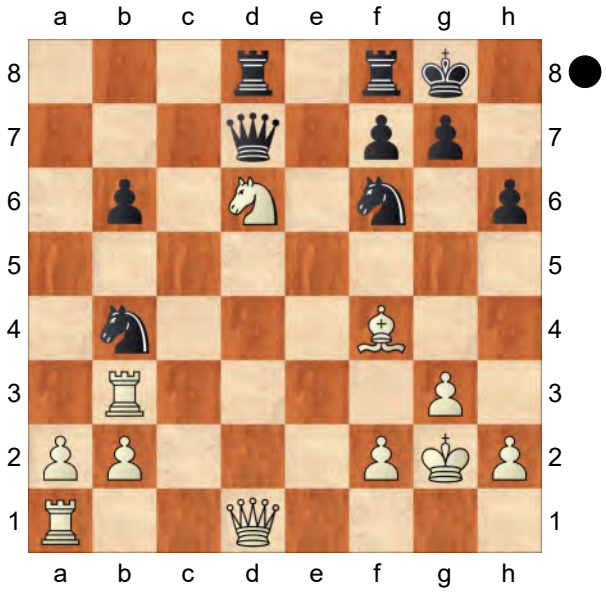
Ne2+! 41.Kh3
[41.Bxe2 Qxd7]
41...Nxf4+ 42.Kh2 Qe5 (→ ...Nf4-e2+)



43.Qxb7 Qxg5 44.Kg3 Be5 45.Kf3 Ne6+ 46.Ke4 Qxg4+ 47.Kd5 Qf3+ -23.37/18 Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.19 (very precise)
[⌓47...e2 -#12/17 48.Kc6 Qxc4 *(48...e1B? 49.Kb6-+; 48...e1Q* gets mated. *49.Kb5 Nd4+ 50.Rxd4 Qxd4 51.Kxa4 Qxc4+ 52.b4 Qd1+ 53.Ka5 Qd8+ 54.Qc7* Back Rank *Bxc7+ 55.Ka4 Qe8#)* 49.Kb6 e1Q *(49...e1R? 50.Qc6-+)* 50.b3 Qxb3+ 51.Ka6 Qe2+ *(51...Qxa3 52.Qc6 Qe2+ 53.Ka7 Qb3 54.Qb7 Qxb7+* Remove Defender *55.Kxb7 Qb5+ 56.Ka7)* 52.Ka7 Qxb7+ *(52...Qxa3 53.Re7 Bb8+ 54.Qxb8 Rxb8 55.Kxb8 Qb5+ 56.Kc8 Qc6+ 57.Kb8 Qb2+ 58.Ka7 Qbb6#; 52...Bb8+* leads to mate. *53.Ka8 Qbf3 54.Rd5)* 53.Kxb7 Qb5+ 54.Ka7 Ra8+ Decoy, Back Rank 55.Kxa8 Qb8#]
0-1

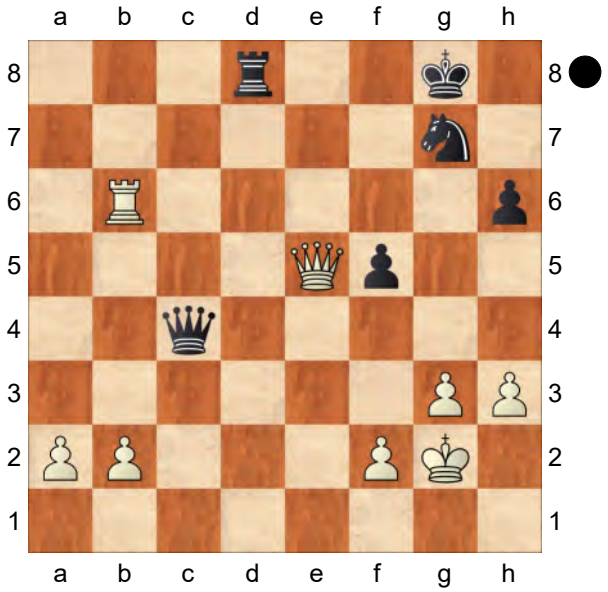
9 **D33**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2764**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (8.1) 19.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D33: Tarrasch Defence: 6 g3 sidelines
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Nb3 Bb6 10.0-0 d4! 11.Na4 0-0 The position is equal.
12.Re1N
[12.Nxb6 axb6 13.Bg5 Be6 14.Qd3 h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Qxd4 Rfd8 18.Qxb6 Qxb2 19.Qe3 Bxb3 20.Qxb3 Qxe2 ½-½ Mezentsev,I (2370)-Akhilbay,I (2140) Almaty Academy IM 12 2022 (8)]
[12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Rc1 Re8 15.h3 Bf5 16.Nbc5 Bxc5 17.Nxc5 b6 18.Nd3 Be4 19.Bxe4 Rxe4 20.Qc2 Re6 21.Nf4 Rd6 22.Qe4 Rad8 23.Rfd1 g5 24.Nd3 Re6 25.Qg4 Ne5 26.Nxe5 Qxe5 ½-½ Nakamura,H (2794)-Firouzja,A (2737) Norway Chess 12th Stavanger 2024 (3)]
[12.Nac5 Qe7 13.Nd3 Bg4 14.Re1 Rfe8 15.Bf1 Rad8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bxf6 Qxf6 18.Qd2 Ne5 19.Rac1 Bf5 20.Bg2 Re7 21.a4 a5 22.Nbc5 Bxc5 23.Nxc5 b6 24.Nd3 Bxd3 25.exd3 Rde8 26.Re4 Nd7 1-0 Thunder,F (2350)-Kabatianski,A (2221) Cappelle op 25th Cappelle la Grande 2009 (9)]
12...h6 13.Bf4 Be6 14.Nbc5 Bd5 And now ...Bd5xg2 would win. **15.Nxb6** -0.18/21
[15.Nxb7 0.20/23 deserves consideration. Qe7 16.Nxb6 axb6 17.e4 *(17.Nd6 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Nh5∓)* 17...dxe3 18.Rxe3]
15...axb6= 16.Nxb7 Qd7 ...Bd5xg2 is the strong threat. **17.e4! dxe3 18.Rxe3** -0.96/22
[18.Bxe3? Nb4 19.Qd2 *(19.Bxd5? Nbxd5 20.Bxb6 Nxb6-+)* 19...Qxb7-+]
[18.fxe3= -0.22/20 keeps the balance. Ne7 19.Bxd5 Nexd5 20.e4]
18...Nb4!∓ 19.Nd6 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Rad8 Strongly threatening ...Nb4-d5.
21.Rb3



Nbd5 Black has strong compensation.
22.Be5 Qe6 23.Qd4
[23.Bxf6? gxf6 24.Qd2 Rxd6-+ *(24...Qxd6? 25.Qxh6 Rfe8 26.Qh4-+)*]
23...Ng4 -0.15/25
[Better is 23...Rxd6∓ -0.97/19 24.Bxd6 Qxd6]
24.Rd1 Ne7 Excellent horsemanship.
25.Bxg7 Nf5! Deflection. Dancing on a razor blade. **26.Qf4**
[26.Qxg4? perishes. Ne3+ *(26...Nxg7? 27.Qxe6 Nxe6 28.Rxb6+-)* 27.Rxe3 Qxg4 28.Bxf8 Qxd1-+]
26...Nxg7 27.Rxb6 f5↑ Black fights for

an advantage. **28.h3**
[28.b3 seems wilder. Qe2 29.Rd5 Ne6 30.Qd2]
28...Ne5 -0.02/22
[28...Nf6!∓ -0.54/23 29.Qxh6 Rd7]
29.Nc4? -3.52/22 This move loses the game for White. **29...Qxc4-+ 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Qxe5** -5.91/24
[31.Qxc4+ -3.29/18 Nxc4 32.Rxh6]



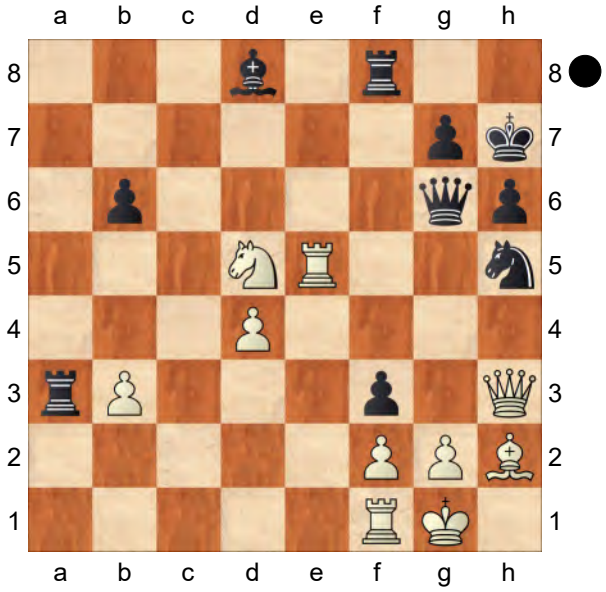
31...Rd1! 32.Rb3 Qf1+ Skewer **33.Kf3 Qh1+** -8.70/20
[⌓33...Rd2 -#13/18 34.Qe3 Qh1+ 35.Kf4 Qd5 36.g4 Ne6+ 37.Qxe6+ Qxe6 38.gxf5 Rxf2+ 39.Rf3 Qd6+ *(39...Qxa2? 40.Rxf2 Qb3 41.Rf3-+)* 40.Ke4 Qb4+ *(40...Rxb2* leads to mate. *41.Re3 Qc6+ 42.Kf4 Rf2+ 43.Ke5 Qc5+ 44.Ke4 Qc4+ 45.Ke5 Rd2 46.Rg3+ Kf7 47.Rg7+* Decoy *Kxg7 48.f6+ Kf7 49.Kf5 Rd5#)* 41.Ke5 Rxf3 42.Kd5 Rd3+ *(42...Rxf5+* is a self mate. *43.Ke6 Qe4+ 44.Kd6 Qb7 45.Ke6 Rd5 46.h4 Qf7#)* 43.Kc6 Rd6+ *(43...Rxh3 44.f6 Rh5 45.b3 Rc5+ 46.Kd6 Qd4+ 47.Ke7 Re5#)* 44.Kc7 Qb6+ 45.Kc8 Rd8#]

34.Kf4 Rd5 Decoy. Weighted Error Value: White=0.69/Black=0.29 (precise)
0-1

10 **D35**
□ **Radjabov,Teimour** **2700**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
London TechM GCL rapid (3.2) 05.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7N**
[4...dxc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 *(10...Nbd7 11.e5 h6 12.exf6 hxg5 13.fxg7 Rg8 14.Qh7 Nf6 15.Qh6 Qe7 16.Nxg5 0-0-0 17.Bf3 Rxd4 18.axb5 cxb5 19.Bxb7+ Kxb7 20.Rfe1 Ng4 21.Qh7 Nf6 22.Qh6 Ng4 23.Qh3 Qf6 24.Nge4 Qxg7 25.Qf3* ½-½ Stocek,J-Klein,D EU-ch 13th Plovdiv 2012 (2)*)* 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5. e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]
[4...a6 5.e3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 c5 10.Rd1 Qb6 *(10...Qc7 11.h3 Be7 12.a3 0-0 13.Bc2 Rac8 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.e4 Rfd8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Ncd7 18.Bg3 Qb6 19.e5 Nd5 20.Ne4 b4 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.exd6 bxa3 23.Rxa3 Bc6 24.Nd4 Nc5 25.Be5* 1-0 Kobeissey,J (2423)-Monteiro,H (2322) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (7)*)* 11.h3 Be7 12.e4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Bc2 b4 16.Na4 Qa5 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.Qg4 g6 19.Bh6 ½-½ Bacrot,E (2714)-Istratescu,A

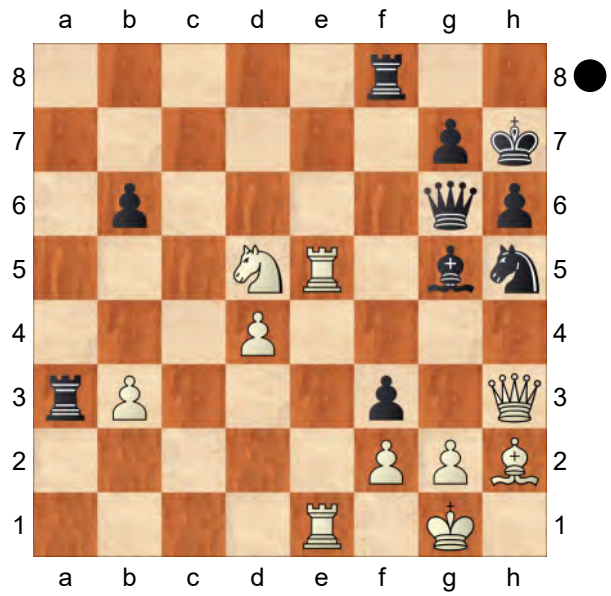
(2589) FRA-chT Top 12 Brest 2018 (7)]
[4...Bd6 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 0-0 7.Rc1 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nbd7 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 b6 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Ne5 g6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Rfd1 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.e6 f5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Qxf5 1-0 Capablanca,J-Anon Lessons from Capablanca (2): attacking New York 1916]
5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Nb6 7.e3 Bf5 Dodges Qd1-c2 **8.Be2 c6** Wards off Nc3-b5. White has an edge. **9.0-0 h6 10.a3 a5 11.Qb3 Be7 12.Rfc1 0-0 13.h3 Ne8 14.Ne5 Bd6 15.Bf1 a4 16.Qd1 Nc7** 0.28/20
[⌓16...f6 -0.08/25 17.Nd3 Bxd3 18.Bxd6 *(18.Qxd3 Bxf4 19.exf4 Qd6=)* 18...Nxd6 19.Bxd3 *(19.Qxd3 f5=)* 19...f5]
17.Qf3 Hoping for Ne5xc6! **17...Bh7 18.Qg3 Ne8 19.Be2**
[19.Bxh6? f6 20.Bf4 fxe5 21.Bxe5 Be7-+]
19...Kh8 Threatens to win with ...g7-g5. **20.h4 Be7 21.h5 Nd6 22.Rf1 Nbc8 23.Rae1 Ne8 24.Nd3 Nf6 25.Bc7 Qe8 26.Be5 Qd8 27.Nc5 b6 28.Bc7 Qe8 29.N5xa4 Bd8** 0.78/22
[29...Nd7± 0.38/20]
30.Be5 0.40/19
[White should try 30.Rc1!± 0.78/22]
30...Bc2± 31.Bd1 Bxd1 32.Rxd1 -0.25/20
[⌓32.Bxf6 0.25/25 Bxf6 33.Rxd1]
32...Nxh5= 33.Qh3 f6 34.Bh2 f5 35.b3 Kh7 -0.17/19
[35...Nf6∓ -0.57/21 should be considered.]
36.Rc1 f4 0.15/23
[Better is 36...Be7∓ -0.35/21]
37.Rce1 Qg6 38.e4 -0.53/22
[38.Bxf4= 0.00/24 Nxf4 39.exf4]
38...Ne7 39.exd5 Nxd5
[39...cxd5 40.Re5 Nf6 41.Bxf4±]
40.Nxd5 cxd5 41.Nc3 f3 42.Nxd5 Rxa3 43.Re5 -1.65/19
[43.Re3= -0.25/21]



Black converts the advantage convincingly. **43...Bg5?** -0.02/21
[43...Rxb3!-+ -1.65/19 aiming for ... Bd8-h4! 44.Re6 *(44.Rxh5? loses. fxg2-+)* 44...Qf7]
44.Rfe1? -3.33/20
[44.g4= -0.02/21 and White is okay. Nf4 45.Qxf3]

(Diagram)

44...Rxb3? -1.21/19
[44...Bh4!-+ -3.33/20 is more deadly. 45.Rc1 *(45.Qxh4? Qxg2#; 45.g4? Bxf2+* Double Attack *46.Kh1 Bxe1-+)* 45...Qc2 Back Rank]
45.g4? -3.42/21
[45.Qg4∓ -1.21/19]
45...Nf4-+ 46.Bxf4 Bxf4 47.Re7 -5.33/22
[⌓47.Qh5 -3.65/21 Bxe5 48.Qxg6+



Kxg6 49.dxe5]

47...Qg5 48.Qh5 Qxh5 49.gxh5 Rb5 50.Rd7 Bg5? -0.08/26

[50...Rf5-+ -3.49/23 51.Nxf4 Rxf4]

51.Re5 -3.23/22

[51.Kh2= -0.08/26 and White has nothing to worry.]

51...Rb2 52.Nc3 -4.75/20

[52.Re4 -3.20/20 might work better.]

52...Rf4 53.Re4 Rf5 -2.82/22

[⌓53...Rc2 -4.84/19 54.Kh2 Rxc3 55.Rxf4 Bxf4+ 56.Kh3 Rc7]

54.d5? -8.15/18

[54.Rd5 -2.82/22 Rxd5 55.Nxd5]

54...Bf6 55.Nd1 Rb1 56.Re1 Rxh5 57.Rc7 Rxd5 -12.53/20

[⌓57...Rb4 -#5/16 58.Rxg7+ Bxg7 59.Re4 Rxe4 60.Ne3 Reh4 61.Kf1 Rh1#]

58.Kh2 Black is clearly winning.

58...Rbxd1 59.Rxd1 Rxd1 Endgame. KRB-KR **60.Rc6 Rd4 61.Kg3 h5 62.Kxf3 b5 63.Ke3 b4 64.Rc5 h4** ...b4-b3 is the strong threat. **65.Rh5+ Kg6 66.Rb5 Rg4** Strongly threatening ... h4-h3. **67.Kf3 Rg5 68.Rb6 Rf5+ 69.Kg2 Rg5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.47

0-1

11 **A13**

□ **Ding,Liren** **2736**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**

Olympiad-45 Budapest (9.1) 20.09.2024

[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5**

[3...a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 18.dxe5 Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely,L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]

4.Bg2 a6N

[4...Bd6 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 d4 7.Bb2 c5 8.e3 e5 9.exd4 cxd4 10.d3 Nc6 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Nbd2 Bf5 14.Qb1 h6 15.a3 a5 16.Rc1 Nd7 8) Catalan-Catalan Reti 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]

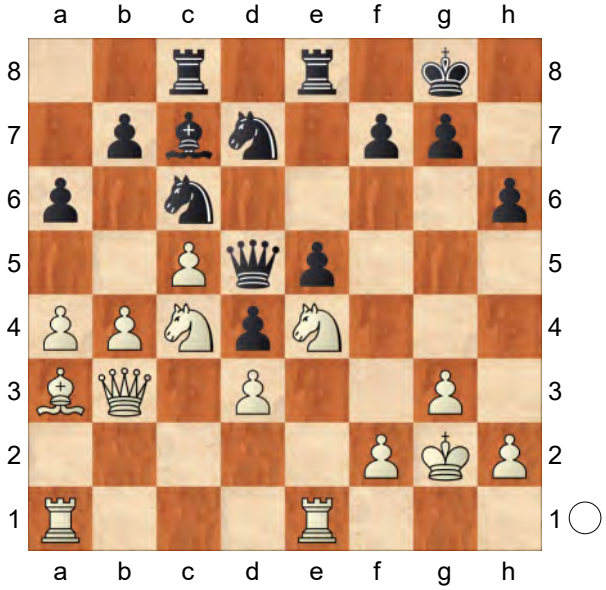
[4...g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.d3 Bb7 9.Qc2 c5 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.a3 d4 12.Rfe1 e5 13.e3 Qd7 14.exd4 exd4 15.Re2 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Rxe2 17.Rxe2 Re8 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Kf1 ½-½ Legendmike (2089)-Greecechess22 (2061) 1st Greek Chessfed Blitz FINAL Team Bat lichess.org 2020]

5.b3 d4 6.0-0 c5 7.e3 Nc6 8.d3 h6 9.Re1 Bd6 10.exd4 cxd4 11.Bb2 0-0 12.Nbd2 -0.36/21

[12.Bxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Be5-+ *(13...Bb4? 14.Nf3-+)*]

[White should play 12.Nxd4± 0.53/27 Nxd4 13.Bxd4]

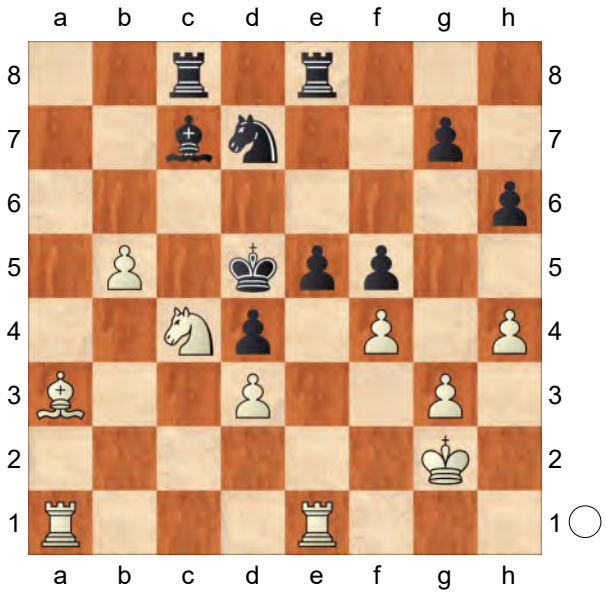
12...e5∓ 13.c5 Bc7 14.Nc4 Re8 15.b4 Bf5 0.08/21
[15...Bg4∓ -0.40/24 is more appropriate.]
16.Qb3 -0.28/23
[16.a4 0.08/21 feels stronger.]
16...Be6= 17.a4 Rc8 0.08/21
[17...Bd5∓ -0.41/21]
18.Nfd2 Bd5 19.Ba3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qd5+ 21.Ne4 Nd7



And now ...f7-f5 would win. **22.Na5!** Discovered Attack **22...Qxb3 23.Nxb3 f5 24.Ned2 b5 25.cxb6 Nxb6 26.Nc5 Nb8 27.b5 axb5 28.axb5 Kf7** 0.92/22
[28...Kh7± 0.50/23]
29.h4 0.50/19
[29.Nb7± 0.92/22]
29...N8d7!± 30.Nxd7 Nxd7 31.Nc4 Dodges Bc7-a5 **31...Ke6** Against Ba3-d6 **32.f4** 0.00/27 White is more active.
[32.Rec1± 0.63/20]
32...Kd5=

(Diagram)

White must now prevent ...e5-e4.
33.fxe5 Nxe5 34.b6 Bb8 3.46/26
[34...Nxd3= 0.00/22 and Black has



nothing to worry. 35.Rxe8 Rxe8 36.bxc7 Kxc4]
35.b7+- Rcd8 36.Nxe5 Rxe5 37.Rxe5+ Kxe5? 4.71/22 Endgame. KRB-KRB
[37...Bxe5 2.34/22 was worth a try. 38.Rc1 *(38.Be7 Rb8±)* 38...Rb8]
38.Bc1 Kd5 39.Ra5+? 0.15/20
[39.Kf3+- 3.93/21]
39...Kc6= 40.Rxf5 Rd7 Prevents Rf5-f7 **41.Bf4 Rxb7 42.Bxb8 Rxb8** KR-KR **43.Rf7 g5 44.Rf6+ Kc5 45.h5** Strongly threatening Kg2-f3! **45...Rb3 46.Rxh6** Rh6-h8 is the strong threat. **46...Rxd3 47.Rg6** 0.00/36
[47.Rh8!± 0.46/27 was preferrable. Re3 48.h6]
47...Rd2+ The position is equal. **48.Kf3 Rh2 49.Kg4 d3 50.Rg8** aiming for Rg8-d8! **50...d2 51.Rd8**
[51.Kxg5 g e t s m a t e d . d1Q *(51...d1R? 52.Rc8+ Kb4 53.g4-+)* 52.Rc8+ Kb6 53.Rb8+ Kc7 54.Rh8 Qd5+ 55.Kg4 Qd4+ 56.Kg5 Qxh8 57.Kf5 Qd4 *(57...Rxh5+* is a self mate. *58.Ke4 Qe5+ 59.Kd3 Qxg3+ 60.Kc4 Rh4+ 61.Kb5 Qg5+ 62.Ka6 Ra4#)* 58.Kg5 Rf2 59.Kg6 Qg4+

60.Kh6 Rh2 61.Kh7 Rxh5#]
51...Kc4 52.Kxg5 Kc3 53.h6 Rh1 54.g4 Threatens to win with Kg5-g6. **54...d1Q 55.Rxd1 Rxd1** KR-KPP **56.h7 Rh1! 57.Kg6 Kd4 58.Kg7 Ke5 59.g5 Kf5 60.g6 Rh2** White really could win this. Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
½-½

12 **C65**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
■ **Le,Quang Liem** **2741**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (7.1) 18.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 Gormally, Daniel: 'Anand vs Kramnik - could this be a prelude to a world championship match later? Only time will tell. Tadic,Br: 'Tadic,Branko: 'Sometimes we tend to forget that chess is a tactical game. You can play a great game outplaying Your opponent, and just "blunder" everything away in one move. This happens a lot to You, to me and even in the highest level. It is, by far, not a rare event, as we will in the next moves...'' Tadic,Br: 'Tadic, Branko: 'Sometimes we tend to forget that chess is a tactical game. You can play a great game outplaying Your opponent, and just "blunder" everything away in one move. This happens a lot to You, to me and even in the highest level. It is, by far, not a rare event, as we will in the next moves...' Van Delft & Ris: 'Arkadij Naiditsch: 'Sometimes we tend to forget that chess is a tactical game. You can play a great game outplaying Your opponent, and just "blunder" everything away in one move. This happens a lot to You, to me and even in the highest level. It is, by far, not a rare event, as we will in the next moves...'''' Anand vs Kramnik - could this be a prelude to a world championship match later? Only time will tell. Van Delft & Ris: 'Arkadij Naiditsch: 'Sometimes we tend to forget that chess is a tactical game. You can play a great game outplaying Your opponent, and just "blunder" everything away in one move. This happens a lot to You, to me and even in the highest level. It is, by far, not a rare event, as we will in the next moves...'' Anand vs Kramnik - could this be a prelude to a world championship match later? Only time will tell. Tadic,Br: 'Tadic, Branko: 'Sometimes we tend to forget that chess is a tactical game. You can play a great game outplaying Your opponent, and just "blunder" everything away in one move. This happens a lot to You, to me and even in the highest level. It is, by far, not a rare event, as we will in the next moves...'' Tadic,Br: 'Tadic, Branko: 'Sometimes we tend to forget that chess is a tactical game. You can play a great game outplaying Your opponent, and just "blunder" everything away in one move. This happens a lot to You, to me and even in the highest level. It is, by far, not a rare event, as we will in the next moves...' Van Delft & Ris: 'Arkadij Naiditsch: 'Sometimes we tend to forget that chess is a tactical game. You can play a great game outplaying Your opponent, and just "blunder" everything away in one move. This happens a lot to You, to me and even in the highest level. It is, by far, not a rare event, as we will in the next moves...''' **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.Nbd2**

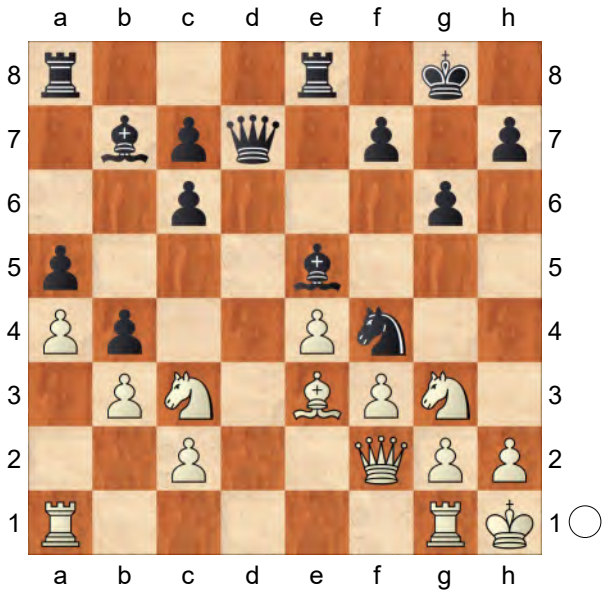
[6.Nxe5? Qd4 7.Be3 Qxe5-+]
6...Nd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc4 Re8 9.a4 a5 10.Kh1 b6 11.Be3 Bb4
[11...Bf8 12.Rg1 Ba6 13.Ncd2 c5 14.g4 Nb8 15.Qf1 Nc6 16.Qh3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 cxd4 18.g5 b5 19.axb5 Bxb5 20.Nh4 g6 21.Qg3 Bd6 22.Nhf3 a4 23.h4 Qe7 24.Nh2 Bd7 25.Ng4 Bxg4 26.Qxg4 1-0 Pranav,V (2609)-Blohberger,F (2520) Julius Baer GenCup PI/In Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (2)]
12.Rg1N -0.26/19
[12.Bd2 0.14/23 should be considered.]
[12.Nfd2 b5 13.axb5 cxb5 14.c3 bxc4 15.cxb4 cxd3 16.bxa5 Ba6 17.Qb3 Nf6 18.h3 Nh5 19.Rfc1 Nf4 20.Rc6 Ne2 21.Qd5 Qb8 22.Rxa6 Rxa6 23.Qxd3 Qxb2 24.Rb1 Rd6 25.Qxe2 Qa2 26.Qb5 c6 1-0 Anand, V (2780)-Kramnik,V (2810) Zuerich 117/96 2013 27.Qb2]
12...b5= 13.Na3 Ba6 14.Nb1 Bb7 15.Nfd2 Nb6 16.b3 Qd7 17.Qe2 Nc8 18.f3 Ne7 19.Qf2 Ng6 20.Nf1 Nf4 21.Ng3 g6 22.d4 0.03/19
[22.Ne2± 0.45/20]
22...Bd6 The position is equal. **23.Nc3 b4 24.dxe5 Bxe5**

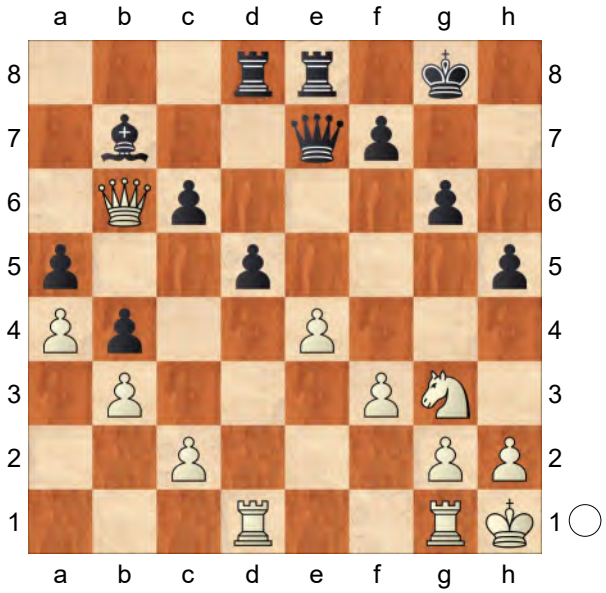
(Diagram)

Pin **25.Rad1! Qe7 26.Nce2 Nxe2 27.Nxe2 Rad8 28.Bc5 Bd6 29.Bxd6 cxd6 30.Qb6 d5 31.Ng3 h5**

(Diagram)

Threatens to win with ...h5-h4. **32.exd5!**
[32.Qxa5? loses. h4 33.Nf1 dxe4-+]
32...cxd5 White must now prevent ...h5-h4. **33.h3**

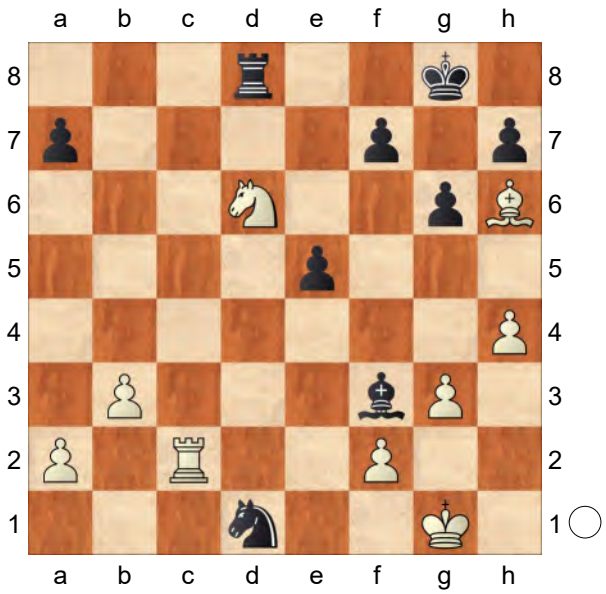




[Don't play 33.Qxa5 h4 34.Nf1 h3∓]
33...Rc8 34.Rge1 Qxe1+ 35.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 36.Kh2 h4 37.Qxb7 hxg3+ 38.Kxg3 Rxc2 39.Qxd5 Rb1 40.Qd8+ Kg7 41.Qd4+ Kg8 42.Qd8+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

13 **A30**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Svidler,Peter** **2698**
London TechM GCL rapid (2.1) 04.10.24
[Kitty Kat]

A30: Symmetrical English: Double Fianchetto and Hedgehog **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.b3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bb2 b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.0-0 0-0 8.d4 Na6 9.Nc3 d5 10.Ne5** d4xc5 is the strong threat.
[10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.Nxd5 Nxd5 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.cxd5 Qxd5 14.Qxd5 Bxd5 15.Rfd1 Rfd8 16.Ne5 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Rac8 18.Rac1 f6 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Nc6 Rd2 21.b4 Ne6 22.a3 Rd7 23.Rc2 Kf7 24.Nb8 Rd8 1-0 Bartel,M (2622)-Mamedov,R (2657) EU-Cup 31st Skopje 2015 (6.6) *(24...Rd1 25.Nc6 a6 26.Nb8 a5 27.Rc6 axb4 28.axb4 b5 29.Rb6 Nc7 30.Rb7 Rc1 31.Nd7 Rc4 32.Nc5 Nd5 33.Rxb5 ½-½* 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8. (2555)-Tymrakiewicz,R (2650) URS-ch27 Final Leningrad 1960 (4) *)*]
10...e6! 11.Nb5N Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[11.cxd5 exd5 *(11...Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Bxd5 13.dxc5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Nxc5* A 30/29 2000*)* 12.Rc1 Qe7 13.Nd3 cxd4 14.Nb5 Qd7 15.a4 Ne4 16.Bxd4 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Rfe8 18.b4 Rac8 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Qa1 Qe7 Chess Informant Eco-N,N Chess Informant ECO A4 Survey 2000]
11...Nc7N 0.43/24
[11...Qe7 12.e3 Rfd8 13.Qe2 dxc4 0.28/22 *(13...Nb4* -0.08/20 was preferrable.*)* 14.Bxb7= Qxb7 15.Nxc4 Nb4 0.75/26 *(15...Ne8±* 0.34/23 deserves consideration.*)* 16.dxc5± bxc5 17.Nbd6 Qc6? 2.72/21 ;½-½ Maksimovic,B (2497)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2740) Titled Tuesday intern op 19th Dec Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (10) *(17...Qe7±* 0.82/21 was called for. *)*]
[11...Qe7= 0.00/21]
12.dxc5± bxc5 White is slightly better. **13.Nc3 Nd7 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Rc1 Bc6 16.cxd5 Nxd5 17.Rc2 Qb7 18.Ne4** And now Bb2xg7 would win. **18...Ne3** 1.85/24 **19.Nxc5+-**
[19.fxe3?! Bxe4 20.Bxg7 Bxg2 *(20...Kxg7 21.Bxe4 Qxe4 22.Qc1±)* 21.Bxf8 Bxf1 22.Qxf1 *(22.Bxc5? Qg2#)* 22...Rxf8±]
19...Nxd1 20.Nxb7 Bxg2 21.Bxg7 Bxf1 22.Bxf8 Bxe2 aiming for ...Be2-f3. **23.Bh6 Bf3 24.Nd6 e5 25.h4 Rd8**



26.Rc7! Bd5
[26...Nb2 27.Rxf7]
27.Nb5 1.63/22
[⌓27.Nc8 3.78/20 Hoping for Nc8-e7+. Bf3 28.Ne7+ *(28.Nxa7 Nc3±* Clearance *)* 28...Kh8 29.Bg5 *(29.Rxa7? Nc3-+)*]
27...a6 28.Na3 0.85/20
[28.Nd6+- 1.87/20 and White stays

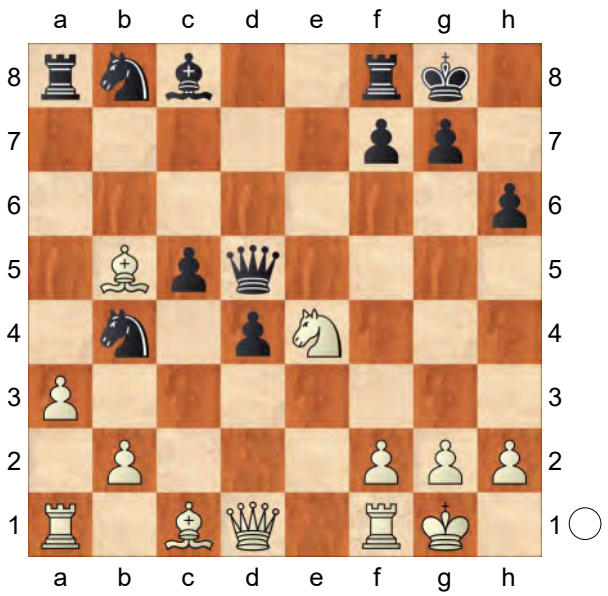
clearly on top.]
28...Nb2± 29.Bg5 Re8 30.Rc3 0.31/21
[30.Kf1± 0.99/21]
30...Be4± 31.f3 Nd1 32.Rc7 Bxf3 33.Nc4 Nc4-d6 would now be deadly.
33...Bd5 0.70/23
[33...Kg7= 0.18/23]
34.Nd6 White has compensation.
34...Rb8 35.Kf1 0.15/20
[35.Bh6± 0.57/23]
35...Kg7? 2.97/21
[35...h6!= 0.15/20 36.Bxh6 Rd8]
36.Ke2+- h6 37.Bc1
[Inferior is 37.Kxd1 hxg5 38.Rc5 *(38.hxg5?* perishes. *Rd8-+)* 38...Bf3+ 39.Ke1 Rd8∓]
37...Rd8 38.Ba3 Nb2 39.Bxb2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.37
1-0

14 **E32**
□ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2659**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
London WR Masters (1.2) 14.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

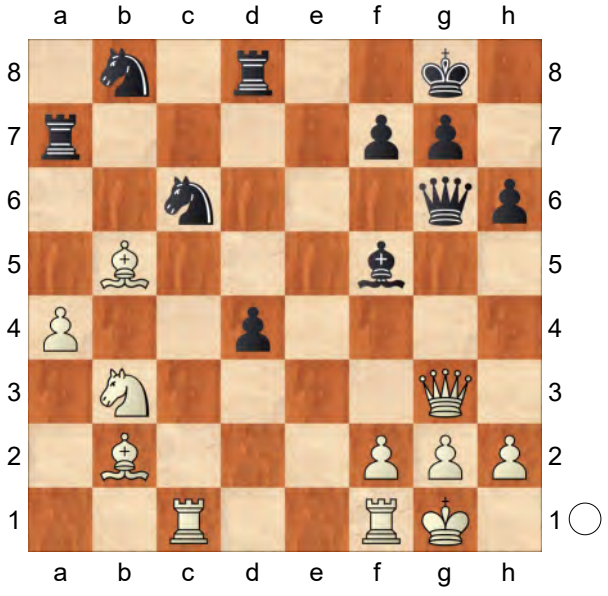
E32: Nimzo-Indian: Classical (4 Qc2): 4...0-0 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 h6N**
[4...d6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Qc2 f5 11.e3 b6 12.f3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Qf6 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.Ne2 0-0 16.0-0-0 c5 17.Kb1 cxd4 18.exd4 Rac8 19.Nc3 1-0 Wagner,J (2530)-Nikolayev,I (2505) Novokuznetsk op 1998]
[4...0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 b6 7.Nf3 *(7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 Bb7 9.f3 g5 10.Bf2 d5 11.e3 Nbd7 12.Bd3 c5 13.Ne2 cxd4 14.exd4 dxc4 15.Bxc4 Rc8 16.Qd3 Kg7 17.0-0 Qe7 18.Rfe1 Rfd8 19.Ng3 Qd6 20.Rad1 Bd5 21.Ba6 Rc7* 1-0 Cubas,J (1951)-Palliser,R (1712) Munich SKA 1993 (9)*; 7.g3 Bb7 8.Nf3 d5 9.Bg2 Nbd7 10.0-0 c5 11.dxc5 Nxc5 12.cxd5 Bxd5 13.Be3 Rc8 14.Rad1 Qe7 15.Qb4 Qb7 16.Bd4 Nce4 17.Rc1 h6 18.Rfd1 Rc6 19.Rxc6 Qxc6 20.Ne5 Qc2 21.Qe1 Rc8* 0-1 10...a6 (2425)-Yoo,E (2606) (ch) 109/(141) United States 2010 (10)*)* 7...Bb7 8.e3 d6 9.b4 Nbd7 10.Bb2 c5 11.Be2 Qe7 12.0-0 Rfc8 13.dxc5 dxc5 14.Rfd1 Ne8 15.b5 f6 16.a4 a5 17.bxa6 Rxa6 18.a5 Rca8 19.Qd2 ½-½ Hantel,T (2809)-11.Bd2 (2690) DSEM 30 Apolda 1996 (2.1)]
5.e4 c5 6.d5 exd5 7.exd5 b5 8.cxb5 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.Bc4** 0.21/23
[9.Bd3± 0.59/20]
9...a6 10.Nge2 axb5 11.Bxb5 Nxd5 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.Nxc3 Nb4 14.Qd1 Strongly threatening Bc1-e3. **14...d5 15.a3↑** White has good play. **15...d4 16.Ne4 Qd5**
[16...Qb6!? 17.Ba4 Nd5∓]

(Diagram)

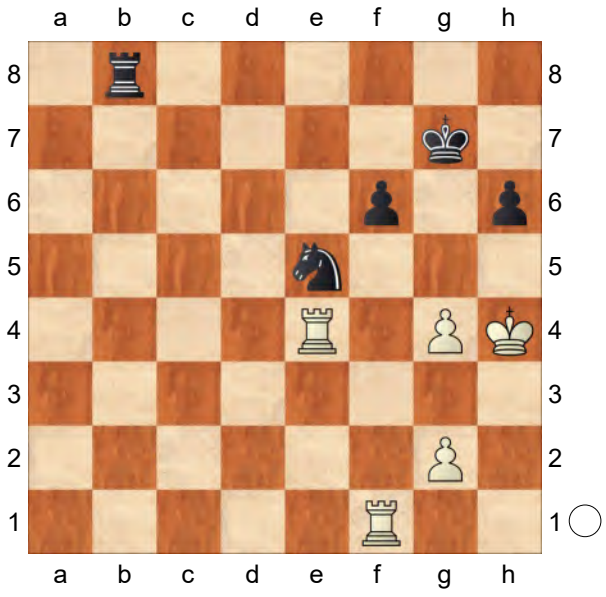
17.Nxc5 Hoping for Bb5-e2! **17...N4c6!**
[Don't go for 17...Bb7? 18.Qg4 f5 *(18...Qxc5? 19.Bxh6 Qe5 20.axb4+-)* 19.Qg6+-]
18.b4 Nxb4 19.Bb2 0.05/23
[19.Be2± 0.43/23 N4c6 20.Nd3]
19...N4c6 0.43/21
[19...Ra5= 0.05/23]
20.Rc1± Rd8 1.00/21
[Black should play 20...Ba6!± 0.44/20 21.Nxa6 Qxb5]



21.a4± Ra7 22.Qb3 Qh5 1.56/18
[Better is 22...Qxb3 1.20/21 23.Nxb3 Be6]
23.Qg3 Bf5 24.Nb3 aiming for Nb3xd4!
24...Qg6 2.23/24
[⌓24...Qg4 1.76/19 25.Bxc6 Nxc6]



25.Nxd4! Rxd4 2.60/20
[⌓25...Qxg3 1.86/24 26.fxg3 Nxd4]
[25...Nxd4 26.Bxd4]
26.Bxd4+- A strong pair of Bishops.
26...Qxg3 27.fxg3 Nxd4 28.Rcd1 Nbc6 29.Bxc6 Deflection **29...Nxc6**
30.Rxf5 Rxa4 Endgame. KRR-KRN
31.h3 1.63/20
[⌓31.Rd6 2.80/22 g6 32.Rf4 Rxf4 33.gxf4]
31...Nd4 2.18/23
[⌓31...g6 1.63/20]
32.Rf2 g5 3.06/23
[⌓32...g6 1.65/22 33.Kh2 Nc6]
33.Rb2? 1.12/21
[33.g4+- 3.06/23]
33...Kg7 2.35/24
[33...Nf5± 1.12/21]
34.Kh2 Ne6 2.37/21
[34...h5± 1.44/20 35.Rb7 Kg6]
35.Rb7 And now Rd1-d7 would win.
35...Ra8 36.Rf1 Rf8 37.Re7 Nd4 38.h4 Nc6 39.Re4 f6? 3.73/24
[39...Rd8 1.68/17 is a better defense. 40.Kh3 Rd3]
40.Kh3 Ne5 41.g4 1.47/19
[41.h5+- 2.77/20]
41...gxh4± 42.Kxh4 Kh4-h5 would now be deadly. **42...Rb8**

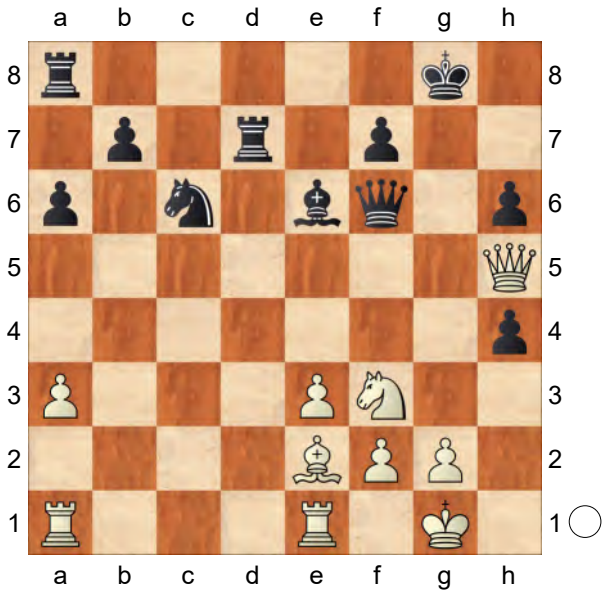


43.Ra4 0.19/23
[43.Rf2!± 0.98/25]
43...Ng6+? 5.14/31 White leaves nothing to chance now.
[43...Rb2= 0.19/23 and Black stays

safe.]
44.Kh5+- Rb7 Dodges Ra4-a7 **45.Rf5** 2.63/21
[⌓45.Ra6 4.91/23]
45...Ne7 46.Rfa5 Nc6 2.46/26 Inhibits Ra5-a7.
[46...Ng6± 1.57/24 47.g3 *(47.Ra7 Nf4+ 48.Kh4 Rxa7±)* 47...Ne7]
47.Ra6 Rb1 48.Kh4
[48.Rxc6? Rh1#]
48...Rh1+? 4.26/5
[48...Ne5± 1.36/23 was necessary. 49.Ra8 Rb7]
49.Kg3 White is clearly winning.
49...Rc1 50.Rb6 Rc3+ 51.Kh4 Rc1 52.Rb7+ Kg6 53.Ra8 Rh1+ 54.Kg3 h5 55.Rg8+ Kh6 56.Rh8+ Kg6 57.gxh5+ Rxh5 58.Rxh5 Kxh5 59.Rb6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.46
1-0

15 **D50**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2659**
London WR Masters (1.1) 14.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D50: Queen's Gambit Declined: Dutch-Peruvian Gambit **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5 cxd4 6.Qxd4 exd5N**
[6...Nxd5 7.e4 Nxc3 8.Qxc3 Nc6
A) 9.a3 Bd7 10.Be2 Rc8 11.0-0 Na5 12.Qd3 Ba4 13.Qxd8+ Rxd8 14.Be3 Nb3 15.Bd1 b5 *(15...a6 16.Bxb3 Bxb3 17.Rac1 Bd6 18.Bb6 Ra8 19.Nd4 Ba4 20.Rc4 Bd7 21.Rd1 0-0 22.e5 Bb5 23.Nxb5 axb5 24.Re4 Be7 25.Rd7 Rfc8 26.g3 Bf8 27.Rxb7* Queen'S Gambit-5.cd5 cd4 6. ♕d4 ♘d5 Survey 2021 *)* 16.Bxb3 Bxb3 17.Rfc1 e5 18.Nxe5 a6 19.Nc6 1-0 Anand,V (2753)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2784) Nations Cup Online Prelim Chess.com INT 2020 (5.1);
B) 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.0-0 Qb6 11.a4 Qc5 12.Qd3 *(12.Bd2 Qxc3 13.Bxc3 a6 14.Bc4 Rg8 15.Rfd1 Bb4 16.Bxb4 Nxb4 17.Ne5 Bc6 18.Bb3 Ke7 19.f3 Rgd8 20.Kf2 Be8 21.Ke2 f6 22.Nc4 b5 23.Ne3 Nc6 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Bd1 Nd4+ 26.Ke1 Rc8* ½-½ Kamsky,G (2695)-Topalov,V (2640) Linares 12th 1994 (6) *)* 12...Qd6 13.Qc2 a6 14.Rd1 Qc7 15.Be2 Rc8 16.Be3 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Qxc2 18.Nxc2 Rxc2 19.Rd2 Rxd2 20.Bxd2 Bd6 21.Bc3 ½-½ Berecz,A (2404)-Schueppel,R (2470) Darmogray Memorial Bd02 3rd email ICCF email 2008]
7.Bg5 Be7 8.e3 0-0 9.Be2 h6 10.Bh4 Nc6 The position is equal. **11.Qd3 Qb6** 11...Qb6 scores better than 11...Be6. 11...Db6 punktet besser als 11...Le6. **12.0-0 Rd8 13.Rfd1 Be6 14.h3 a6 15.a3 g5 16.Bg3 Ne4! 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qxe4** Be2-d3 is the strong threat.
18...Qxb2 19.Re1N
[19.Bd3 Qg7 Against Qe4-h7+ 20.Rab1 Bd5! 21.Qg4 Be6 22.Qe4 Bd5 23.Qg4 Be6 24.Qe4 Bd5! 25.Qg4 ½-½ Radjabov,T (2723)-Sadhwani,R (2654) Moscow Chess Stars 3.0 Rapid 2023 (4)]
19...Bd5 20.Qg4 Be6⇄ Black is not holding back **21.Qh5 Qg7 22.Bc7 Rd7 23.Bb6 Bd8 24.Bd4 Bf6 25.Bxf6 Qxf6 26.h4 gxh4**
[26...g4!? 27.Nh2□ Ne5= *(27...g3 28.fxg3 Ne5 29.a4=)*]



27.Bc4! Decoy **27...h3 28.Bxe6 Qxe6 29.Qxh3 Qxh3 30.gxh3 Re8 31.Red1 Red8 32.Rxd7 Rxd7=** Endgame. KRN-KRN **33.Rb1 b5 34.Rc1 Rd6 35.Nh4 Ne5 36.Rc8+ Kh7 37.Rc5 Re6 38.Kg2 Nc4 39.a4 Rb6 40.Rc7 Kg8 41.Nf5 Nd2 42.Rd7 Nc4** White must now prevent ...b5-b4. **43.Rd4 Na5 44.Rb4 Nc6 45.Rh4** -1.21/25

[45.Nxh6+ Kh7 46.Rh4 Kg6±]

[45.Rg4+= 0.00/25 remains equal. Kh7 46.axb5 axb5 47.Rg7+ Kh8 48.Rxf7]

45...b4∓ Strongly threatening ...b4-b3.

46.Nxh6+

[46.Rxh6? f6 *(46...a5 47.Nd4±)* 47.Rxf6 b3-+]

46...Kg7 47.Nf5+ Kg8! Hoping for ...b4-b3. Black has strong compensation.

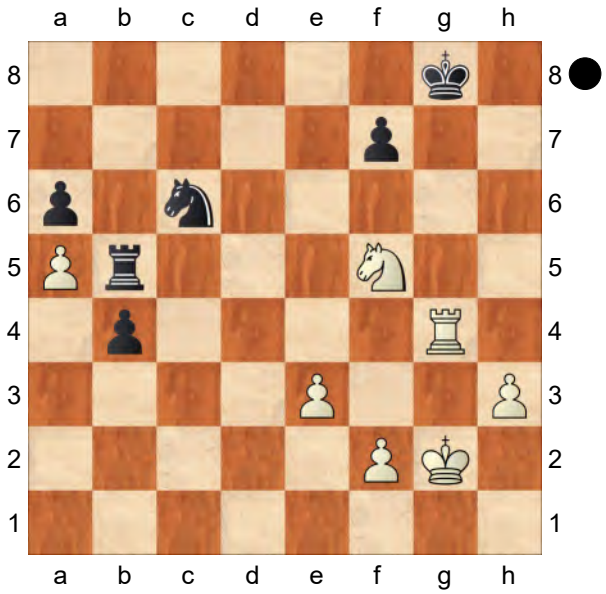
48.a5 -1.64/26 **Rb5** -0.93/21

[48...Nxa5 49.Ne7+ Kf8 50.Nd5 Rg6+ 51.Kf1∓]

[Better is 48...Rb8-+ -1.64/26 aiming for ...b4-b3! 49.Nd4 Nxa5]

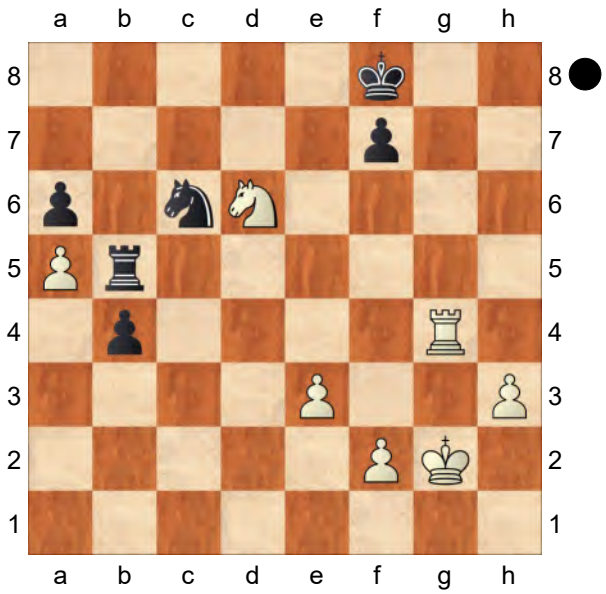
49.Rg4+

(Diagram)



Kf8! 50.Nd6 -1.76/25

[50.Rc4∓ -1.25/26 Rxf5 *(50...Nxa5 51.Rc8#)* 51.Rxc6 Rxa5 52.Rb6]



50...Rd5!-+ 51.Nc4 b3!

[51...Nxa5 52.Nxa5 Rxa5 53.Rxb4±]

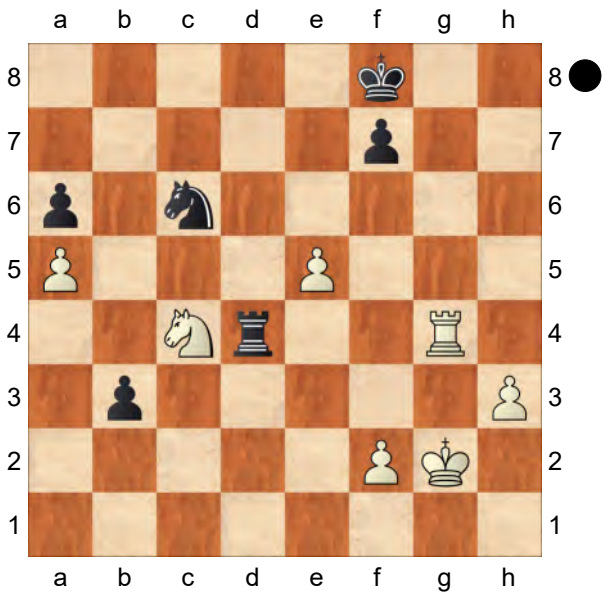
52.e4? -3.35/22 White does not recover from this.

[52.h4∓ -1.30/20 was necessary.]

52...Rd4 53.e5? -6.37/23

[53.Nb2 -3.19/21]

(Diagram)



53...Rxc4! Black is clearly winning.
54.Rxc4 b2
[54...Nxe5? perishes. 55.Rb4+-]
55.Rxc6 b1Q Dodges Rc6-b6. KQ-KR
[55...b1B 56.Rxa6 Bf5 57.Rd6 Kg7 58.f3 Be6 59.a6 Bc8 60.a7]
56.Rf6 Qe4+ 57.Kg1 Qe1+ 58.Kg2 Qxa5 59.f4 Qd5+ 60.Kg3 a5 61.Kg4 a4 62.Ra6 Qe6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.02 (flawless)
0-1

16 **E05**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
■ **Deac,Bogdan Daniel** **2680**
Olympiad-45 Budapest (10.1) 21.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7 I wanted to provide an informational to show the most natural way to play against the Catalan and explain why we went for the rare sideline in this course. The following theory was taken from my Aggressive Queen's Gambit Declined course if you are thinking of playing this as an alternative. White has multiple options, some of which are quite theory-intense and easy to err in. We wanted something more points A to B and ideas based in this text. Let's get into some of the honeycomb variations to see what you would need to learn to play against the mainline Open Catalan with Black. Anytime it is noted that White has other options they are covered in detail in the aforementioned text. We stuck to the mainlines to give the reader an idea of the complexity of the mainline. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6**
[7...b6 8.Qxc4 Bb7 9.Nc3 c5 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Qc8 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.dxc5 Qc6+ 15.f3 Qxc5 16.Qxc5 Bxc5 17.Bf4 Rfd8 18.e4 Ne8 19.Kf1 Kf8 20.Ke2 Ke7 21.Nb5 Rdc8 22.Rac1 ½-½ C 06/32 (2794)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2809) WYCC U16 Open 2013 Al-Ain UAE (9)]
8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bf4N
[10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Qd3 Bb4 13.b3 Nc5 14.Qc2 Nce4 15.Na2 Ng4 16.Nxb4 axb4 17.Rf1 Ngxf2 18.Rxf2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bxf3 20.Kxf3 Qf6+ 21.Ke3 e5 22.Bf3 exd4+ 23.Kf2 d3 24.Qb2 Qf5 0-1 Vangsgaard,C (2490)-Lund,H Cesme 92/105 2004 (2) 25.exd3 Rfe8 26.Bd2 Rad8 27.Re1 Rxe1 28.Bxe1 Rxd3 29.Qe2 Qc5+ 30.Kg2 Re3 31.Qd2 Qe7 32.Bf2 Rxb3 33.Qd5 Rb2 34.Qxb7 g6 35.Qa8+ Kg7 36.Qa7 Rd2 37.a5 b3 38.a6 b2 39.Qd4+ Rxd4 0-1 Speelman,J (2490)-Li,Z WchT U26 02 prel-1 Mexico City 1980 (2)]
[10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Rfe1 Nb6 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bd2 Nbd5 15.e4 Nb4 16.Qb1 b6 8) Catalan-

Dessaules,P 1... e6 Against Everything 2024]

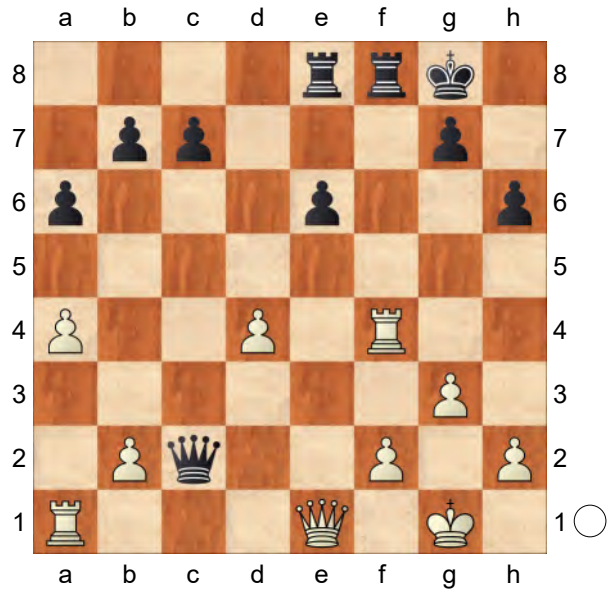
10...Bd6 11.Qc1 Nbd7 12.Nc3 Nd5 White has an edge. **13.Bd2** 13.Bg5 gains popularity. 13.Lg5 wird beliebter. **13...Qe8 14.Re1N**

[Vorgänger: 14.Nh4 N7f6 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qc2 e2-e4 is the strong threat. Bxg2 17.Nxg2 Rc8 18.Qb3 Rb8 19.Qc2 Rc8 20.Bf4 Nd5 21.Qb3 Bxf4 22.Nxf4 Nxf4 23.gxf4 b6 24.Rac1 Qd8 ½-½ Hrubcik,M (2425)-Elyoseph,H (2438) W-ch WS/SIM/A/01 email ICCF email 2019]

14...f5 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nxd5 Bxd5

[16...exd5 simplifies 17.Nf3 Nf6 18.Qc2 Ne4]

17.e4 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Qh5 19.Qd1 Qf5 20.Re2 Nf6 21.Qe1 Nxe4 22.Bxe4 Bxe4 23.Rxe4 The position is equal. **23...Rae8 24.Bf4 Bxf4 25.Rxf4 Qc2**



White must now prevent ...Rf8xf4. **26.Rxf8+ Rxf8=** Endgame. KQR-KQR **27.b4 Qb2 28.Rd1 Kh8 29.d5 exd5 30.Rxd5 Qa2 31.Rd7 Qxa4 32.Rxc7 b6**

[32...Re8 feels hotter. 33.Qc3 Qd1+ 34.Kg2 Qd5+]

33.h4

[33.Ra7 looks sharper. Rd8 34.Qe5 Qd1+ 35.Kg2]

33...a5 34.bxa5 Qxa5 35.Qb1 Qd2 36.Rc2 Qd4 37.Re2 Qc5 38.Qb2 Qd6 39.Kh2 Qc5 40.Rc2 Qd6 41.Rd2 Qc5 42.Rc2 Qd6 43.Rd2 Qc5 44.Rc2 A balanced but interesting game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)

½-½

17 **E46**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**

■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2767**

FIDE World Rapid Team (5.2) 03.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

E46: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4 e3 0-0 5 Ne2 without early Bd3 Ivkov,B: '3/401 '

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nf4 Re8 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.0-0 c6 11.f3 c5N 0.71/20

[11...b6= 0.02/19 12.b4 Bb7 13.Rb1 a5 14.Nfe2 axb4 15.axb4 Na6 16.Na2 Qc7 17.h3 c5 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Nac3 Bc6 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Bb5 Ne6 22.Bd2 Bc5 23.Kh1 Bxb5 24.Nxb5 Qd7 25.Rb3 Rab8 26.Qb1 Rb6 1-0 Vitiugov,N (2707)-Karjakin,S (2739) Poikovsky Karpov 11th 2010 (5)]

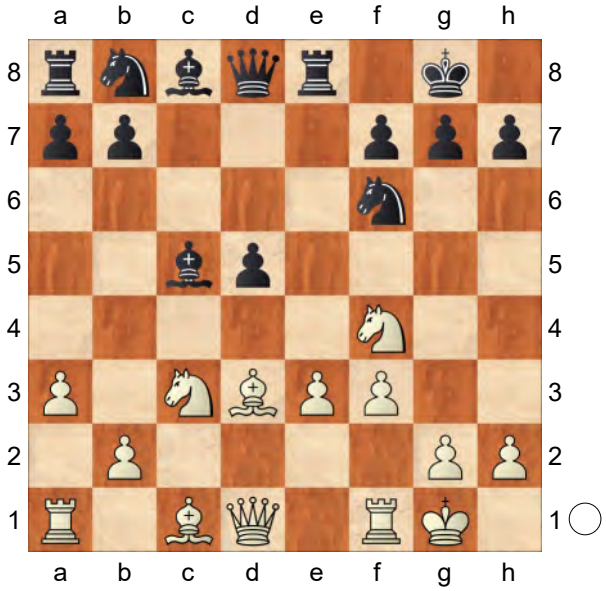
[11...Qc7 12.h3 Nbd7 13.b4 Nf8 14.g4 Bxf4 15.exf4 a5 16.b5 Ne6 17.Ne2 c5 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Nd4 Ne6 20.Ne2 Bd7 21.f5 Nd4 22.Rf2 Nxe2+ 23.Bxe2 Qc5 24.a4 Re7 25.Ba3 Qe3 26.Bxe7 1-0 Rubinstein,A-Saemisch,F Moscow International-01 1925 (2)]

[11...Bxf4 12.exf4 b6 13.b4 Ba6

14.b5 cxb5 15.f5 Nc6 16.a4 Bc8 17.axb5 Nxd4 18.g4 Qc7 19.Bd2 Bd7 20.Kg2 Qc5 21.Qb1 h6 22.Qb2 Nxf3 23.Rxf3 Nxg4 24.Ne2 Ne3+ 25.Bxe3 Rxe3 26.Rc1 1-0 Salazar,P (2528)-MacFarland,J (2410) (m/10) Moskau 1948 (9)]

12.dxc5± White is more active.

12...Bxc5



13.Ncxd5! White is better. **13...Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Be6! 15.Nf4 Qb6 16.Nxe6 Rxe6 17.Bc4** 0.08/25

[17.Kh1± 0.85/23]

17...Re7 18.Kh1 Hoping for b2-b4. **18...Bxe3 19.Bxe3 Rxe3 20.Qd5** Prevents Nb8-c6. **20...Qc7 21.Rae1 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 Nc6** Black is weak on the light squares **23.Qe4** White wants to mate with Qe4-e8+! **23...g6 24.Rd1 Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8=** Endgame. KQB-KQN **26.Qd5 Qf6 27.Qd2 b6 28.f4 h5 29.g3 Nd4 30.Bd5** Inhibits Qf6-c6. **30...Nf5 31.Be4 Nd6 32.Bd5 h4 33.Kg2 Qf5 34.Kf3 hxg3 35.hxg3 Qh3 36.Qg2** -0.68/25 Repels Qh3-h1

[36.Qd3!= -0.04/19 Nf5 37.Kf2]

36...Qh8 -0.07/23

[Black should play 36...Qh5+∓ -0.68/25 37.Kf2 Qd1]

37.g4 Qd4 38.Kg3 a5 39.b3 Nb5 40.a4 Nc3 41.Bf3 -0.45/24

[41.Bxf7+= 0.00/25 is more appropriate. Kxf7 42.Qb7+ Kf8 43.Qb8+ Ke7 44.Qc7+ Ke6 45.Qc6+ Ke7 46.Qc7+ Ke6 47.Qc6+ Ke7 48.Qc7+]

41...Qe3 -0.08/18

[41...Qd3!∓ -0.45/24]

42.Qc2 Kf8 43.f5 -0.84/23

[43.Kg2!= -0.01/24 remains equal.]

43...g5 0.00/36

[Black should try 43...gxf5∓ -0.84/23 And now ...Nc3-e4+ would win. 44.gxf5 Kg7]

44.Kg2 Ke7 45.Qb2 Qd4 46.Qa3+ Qc5

[46...Kf6 keeps more tension. 47.Qf8 Qd2+ 48.Kg3 Qe3]

47.Qc1 Kf6 48.Qd2 b5? 27.17/20

[48...Ke5= 0.14/22]

49.Qd8++- Skewer. White is clearly winning. **49...Ke5 50.axb5** 5.35/22

[50.Qxg5 bxa4 51.Qg7+ f6 52.bxa4 Ne4 53.Bxe4 Remove Defender Kxe4±]

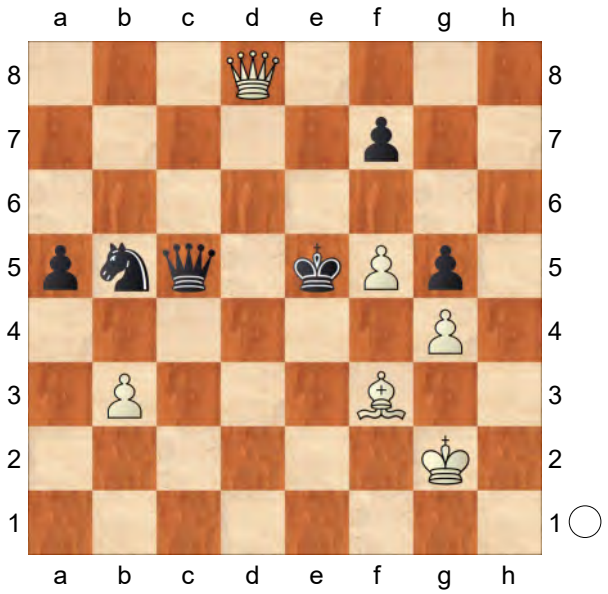
[50.Qxa5 Kf4±]

[⌓50.Qh8+ 14.53/21 f6 51.Qh2+ Kd4 52.Qg1+ Skewer, Deflection Kd3 53.Qxc5 bxa4 54.bxa4 *(54.Qxa5 Nb1 55.Qb5+ Kc3 56.Qc4+ Kb2 57.bxa4 Nd2 58.Qd4+ Kc2)* 54...Kd2 55.Qc4 *(55.Qxa5 Kd3 56.Qb4 Kc2 57.Be4+ Nxe4 58.Qxe4+ Kc3 59.a5 Kd2)*]

50...Nxb5

(Diagram)

51.Qh8+! Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.16 (very precise)



[And not 51.Qxa5 Qc2+ 52.Kg3 Qxb3=]

[Not 51.Qxg5 Nd4 52.Qe3+ Kd6±]

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18 **C47**

□ **Wei,Yi** **2762**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**

FIDE World Rapid Team (4.8) 02.08.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C47: Scotch Four Knights and Four Knights with 4 g3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.exd5 cxd5 10.Bg5 c6 11.Qf3 Bd6** 11...h6 is setting a new trend. 11...h6 setzt einen neuen Trend. **12.Rae1 Rb8 13.Nd1 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Qxf6 gxf6 16.b3 f5 17.Ne3! f4 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.Bxf5 Kg7 20.g4N**

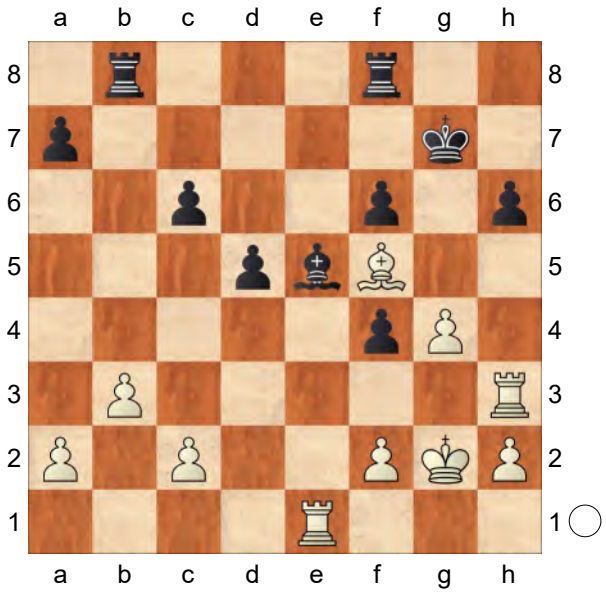
[20.g3

A) 20...Kf6 21.Bd3 *(21.Bd7 Rb6 22.Re8 Rxe8 23.Bxe8 Bb4 24.Bd7 Ke5 25.Rd1 fxg3 26.fxg3 c5 27.Be8 f5 28.Bf7 d4 29.Rf1 Bd2 30.Kg2 Rf6 31.Bc4 f4 32.Bd3 fxg3* ½-½ Blagojevic,T (2266)-Atalik,E (2406) EU-Cup (Women) 26th Mayrhofen 2022 (1. 2) *)* 21...Rfe8 22.Kg2 a5 23.a4 Bb4 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.gxf4 Re1 26.Rxe1 Bxe1 ½-½ Stevic,H (2531)-Ragger,M (2601) Bundesliga 2425 Germany 2024 (1. 1);

B) 20...h5 21.Kg2 Kf6 22.Bd3 Rh8 23.Kf3 fxg3 24.hxg3 h4 25.Rh1 hxg3 26.fxg3 Rxh1 27.Rxh1 Re8 28.Rh6+ Ke7 29.Bf5 a5 30.a4 Rb8 ½-½ Ambartsumova,K (2386)-Kogan,A (2476) San Cristobal de La Laguna op 4th 2022 (9)]

20...Kf6N

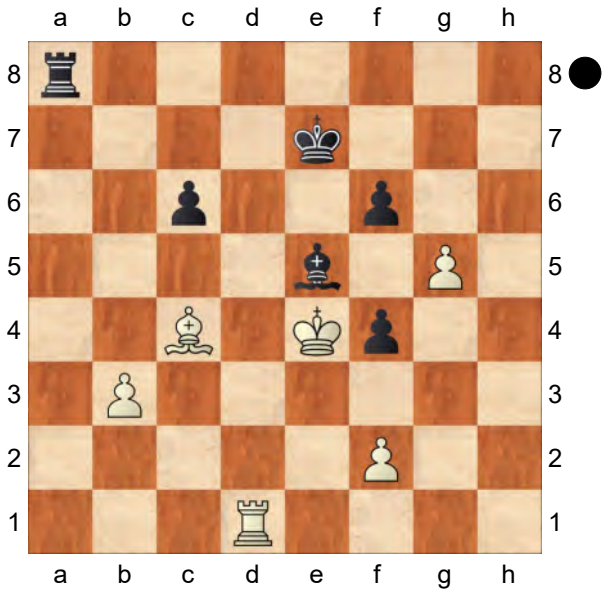
[Vorgänger: 20...Bb4 21.Rd1 Kf6 22.Kg2 Bc3 0.80/22 *(22...h5=* 0.28/21 keeps the balance.*)* 23.Rd3 Be5 24.Rh3! Kg7 25.Re1 f6



26.g5 0.26/21 *(26.Rh5!±* 0.76/20) 26...Rh8 27.gxh6+ Rxh6 28.Rxh6 Kxh6 ½-½ Wang,Y (2234)-Guo,Q (2362) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2024 (6. 5)]

21.Kg2 Rfe8 22.Kf3 Rxe1 23.Rxe1=

Endgame. KRB-KRB **23...Rd8 24.Bd3 a5 25.h4 Rb8 26.Bf5 Rd8 27.Bd3 Rb8 28.Rg1 Rg8 29.Ba6 Ke6 30.Re1+ Be5 31.c4 f6 32.Bb7 dxc4 33.Ba6 Ra8** 1.25/21
[Black should try 33...Re8± 0.40/25]
34.Bxc4+± Kd6 35.Ke4 Threatens to win with g4-g5! White is more active.
35...a4 2.58/21
[35...Bc3± 1.57/17 36.Rd1+ Kc5 37.Kxf4 Re8]
36.g5 axb3 2.90/23
[36...hxg5 1.82/18 was worth a try. 37.hxg5 Bb2]
37.axb3? 0.14/18
[37.Bxb3+- 2.90/23 g5-g6 is the strong threat. hxg5 38.Rd1+ Ke7 39.hxg5]
37...hxg5= The position is equal.
38.Rd1+ Ke7 39.hxg5



Strongly threatening Rd1-h1. **39...Ra1!**
[Avoid the trap 39...Ra2? 40.g6 Rxf2 41.g7+-]
40.Rd2 Re1+ 41.Kf5 fxg5 42.Kxg5 Bd6 43.Ra2 Kd7 44.Kf5 Kc7 45.Bd3 Re5+ 46.Kg4 Rd5 47.Bc4 Rd1 48.Kf5 Re1 49.Rd2 Re5+ 50.Kg4 Re1 51.Kf3 Rc1 52.Ke4 Re1+ 53.Be2 Rb1 54.Bd1 Bb4 55.Rd3 Bc5 56.Kxf4 Bxf2 57.Ke4 Bc5 58.Kf3 Kb6 59.Ke2 Ra1 60.Rd8 Bb4 61.Bc2 Rh1 62.Be4 Rh2+ 63.Kd1 Kc5 64.Rd7 Ba5 65.Rd3 Kb5 66.Kc1 c5 67.Bd5 Kb4 68.Bc4 Bc7 69.Kd1 Bf4 70.Ke1 Be5 71.Kf1 Bd4 72.Ke1 Rg2 73.Rf3 Ka3 74.Rd3 Rh2 75.Kd1 Kb4 76.Ke1 Rg2 77.Kf1 Rf2+ 78.Ke1 Black must now prevent Rd3xd4! **78...Rf4 79.Ke2 Ka3 80.Rf3 Re4+ 81.Kd3 Re7 82.Kc2 Rh7 83.Rf7 Rh2+ 84.Kd3 Rh3+ 85.Ke4 Kb4 86.Rf3 Rxf3 87.Kxf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) / Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

19 **B15**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2766**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup 2nd rapid (4)
[Kitty Kat]

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6 **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Bc4 Bd6 7.Qe2+ Be7 8.Nf3 Na6!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **9.0-0**
[9.Bxa6 bxa6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qe4 Be6 12.Qxc6 Rc8 13.Qe4 Bd5 14.Qg4 Be6 15.Qe4 Bd5 16.Qg4 h5 17.Qxh5 g6 18.Qg4 Rxc2 19.Nh4 Qc8 20.Qg3 Kg7 21.Be3 Qd7 22.Rac1 Rfc8 23.Rxc2 Rxc2 ½-½ Kasimdzhanov,R (2685)-Maghsoodloo,P (2733) Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup 2nd rapid 2024 (2)]
9...0-0 10.h3N White is slightly better.
[10.Bf4 Nc7 11.Rfe1 Re8 12.Qd3 Nd5 13.Bg3 Be6 14.a3 Qd7

15.Rad1 a5 16.h3 a4 17.Bxd5 Qxd5 18.c3 Bf8 19.Qe4 Qd7 20.Qf4 Qd5 21.Qc7 Qb5 22.Rd2 g5 23.Bh2 Bd5 24.Qd7 Be6 0-1 Hampel,A (1969)-Kasparov,G (2459) Dublin 1993 (6) *(24...Rxe1+ 25.Nxe1 Be6 26.Qc7 Re8 27.Qg3 Bxh3 28.f4 Be6 29.Nf3 h6 30.fxg5 hxg5 31.Rd1 Bc4 32.Rd2 Qf5 33.Rd1 Qc2 34.Re1 Rxe1+ 35.Qxe1 Qxb2 36.Bg3 Qxa3 37.Qb1 Qxc3 38.Qf5 Qe3+ 39.Kh2* 0-1 Grigoriev,D (1969)-Yankelevich,L (2459) Reykjavik op 2023 (6)*)*]

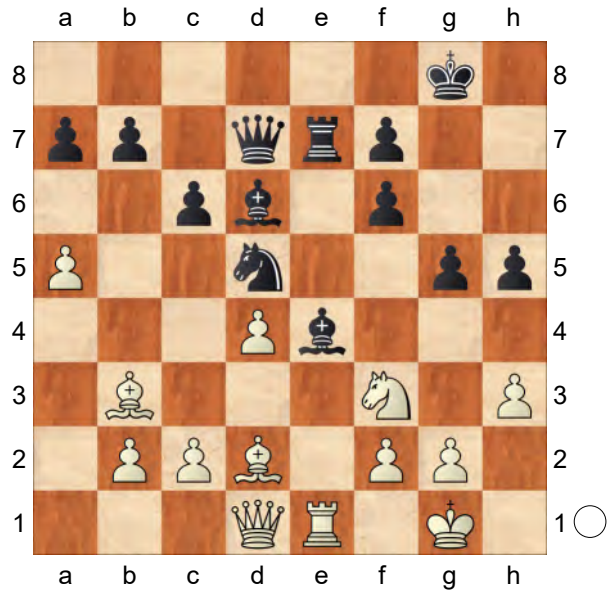
10...Nc7 11.a4 0.04/19

[11.Bd3!± 0.46/20]

11...Re8=

[Vorgänger: 11...a5 12.c3 Bd6 13.Bd2 Re8 14.Qd3 Be6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Rad1 Qd7 17.Rfe1 Rae8 1-0 Annaberdiyev,B (2146)-Siddharth,J (2331) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th June Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (8)]

12.Qd3 Nd5 13.Bd2 Be6 14.Rfe1 Qd7 15.Bb3 Bf5 16.Qf1 h5 17.a5 Bd6 18.Rxe8+ Rxe8 19.Re1 Be4 20.Qe2 Re7 21.Qd1 g5



22.Ne5! Bxe5

[22...Qf5? 23.f3 Bxe5 24.dxe5 *(24.fxe4? Bxd4+ 25.Kh1 Rxe4-+; 24.Rxe4 Bd6=)* 24...Rxe5 25.fxe4 Rxe4 26.Rf1+- *(26.Qxh5 Rxe1+ 27.Bxe1 Qe5+-)*]

[22...fxe5 23.Rxe4]

23.dxe5

[23.Rxe4 Bh2+ 24.Kxh2 Rxe4∓]

23...Rxe5 24.Bc3 -0.31/22

[24.f3± 0.48/20 Bg6 25.Rxe5 fxe5 26.Bxg5]

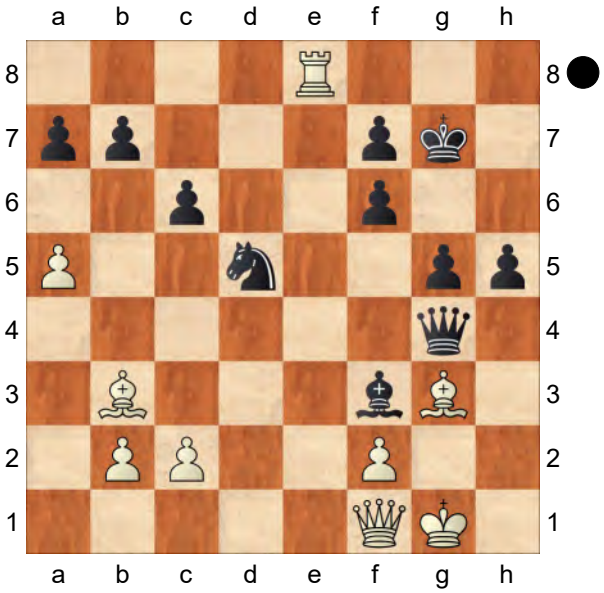
24...Bxg2!→ (→ ...Qd7xh3!). Decoy. White needs to defend precisely.

25.Bxe5?? -5.31/20 White does not recover from this.

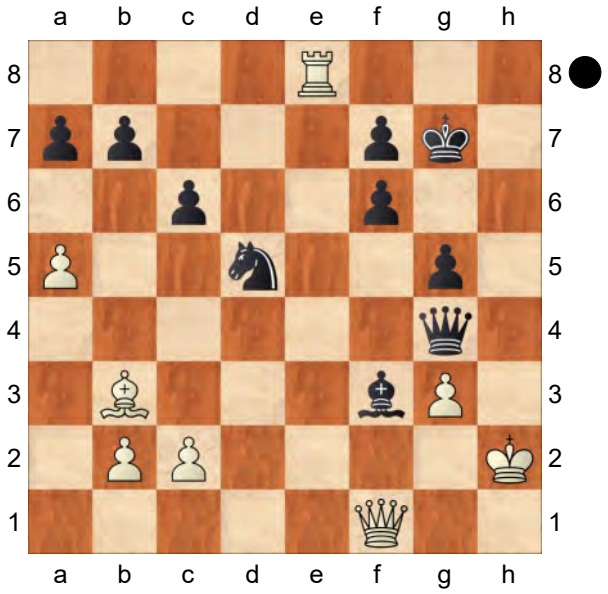
[25.Kxg2? is the wrong capture. Nf4+ 26.Kg1 Qxh3 27.Qd8+ Kh7-+ *(27...Kg7? 28.Qxf6+ Kxf6 29.Bxe5+ Kg6 30.Bxf4-+; 27...Kg7? 28.Qxf6+ Kxf6 29.Bxe5+ Kg6 30.Bxf4-+)*]

[White has to play 25.Bxd5!∓ -0.38/21 Rxe1+ *(25...Rxd5? 26.Qxh5 Qxh3 27.Qxh3-+)* 26.Qxe1 Qxd5 *(26...cxd5? 27.Kxg2 d4 28.Bb4+-; 26...Bxd5 27.Bxf6 Kh7 28.Qe3=)* 27.Bxf6]

25...Qxh3-+ 26.Bh2 Bf3 27.Re8+ Kg7 28.Qf1 Prevents Qh3-g2+ **28...Qg4+ 29.Bg3**



h4! Pin
[Not 29...Nf4 30.Qc4 Bd5 31.Qc3 Bxb3 32.Qxb3∓ *(32.cxb3 h4∓* Pin *)*]
30.Kh2 hxg3+ 31.fxg3



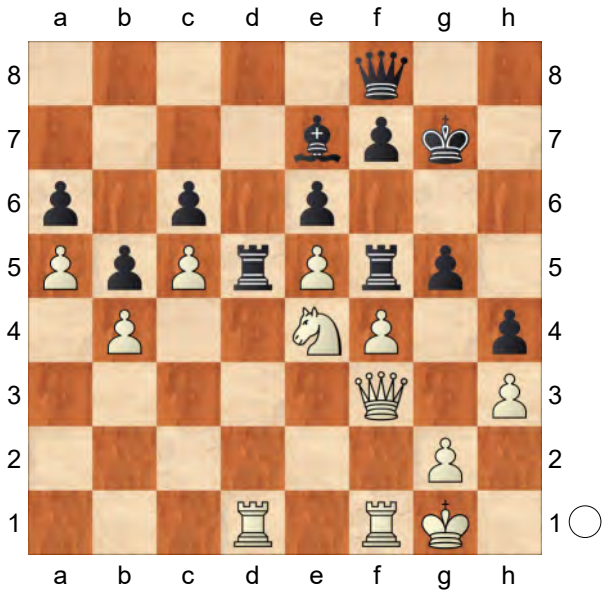
Nf4 Prevents Qf1-h3. Strongly threatening ...Qg4-h5+. **32.Re3 Qh5+ 33.Kg1 Nh3+ 34.Kh2 g4 35.Qc4 Ng5+ 36.Kg1 Qh1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.66/Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

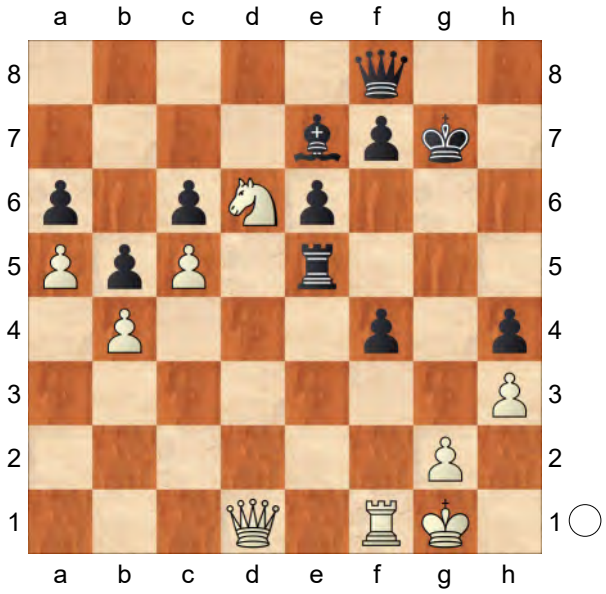
20 **D10**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
■ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2696**
FIDE World Rapid Team (6.8) 03.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D10: Slav Defence: 3 cxd5 (without early Nf3) and 3 Nc3 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.f3 h5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 dxc4N**
[7...e6 8.Nge2 dxc4 9.Qxc4 a6 *(9...Nbd7 10.e4 Rc8 11.a4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Be7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rab1 e5 15.b4 Qc7 16.Be3 Rfd8 17.Rfd1 exd4 18.Nxd4 Ne5 19.Qe2 Ng6 20.Nf5 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Bf8 22.a5 b6 23.axb6 axb6 24.b5* 1-0 Maghsoodloo,P (2701)-Harikrishna,P (2720) 44th Olympiad 2022 Chennai IND (10.4)*; 9...b5 10.Qd3 Nbd7 11.e4 Be7* #1 26) Slow Slav 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3-Slow Slav 3.Nc3 − 5.f3 *)* 10.0-0 b5 11.Qd3 Nbd7 The Meran Attempt-Meran Attempt - 4.e3 Bf5 5.f3 Lifetime Repertoires: Classical Slav 2023]
8.Qxc4 The position is equal. **8...b5 9.Qb3 e6 10.Nge2 Be7** 0.27/24
[⌓10...a6 -0.10/22]
11.e4 Nbd7 12.e5 Ng8 13.0-0 Nh6 14.Bxh6 Rxh6 15.f4 f4-f5 is the strong threat. **15...g6 16.a4 a6 17.a5** Wards off Nd7-b6 **17...Kf8 18.Ne4 Kg7 19.Qc3** White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **19...Rc8 20.b4 h4 21.h3 Qf8 22.Nc5 Nxc5 23.dxc5 Rd8 24.Rad1 Rd5 25.Qf3 Rh5** 1.85/22
[25...Qe8± 1.44/23 was necessary. 26.Rxd5 cxd5]
26.Nc3+- Rf5
[26...Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Qc8 28.Qd3+- *(28.Ne4 Rh8±)*]
27.Ne4 g5 2.32/20
[⌓27...Rh5 1.86/21 28.Rxd5 Remove Defender cxd5]

(Diagram)

28.Qg4 0.87/24
[28.Rxd5 cxd5 29.Nxg5 Bxg5±]
[28.g3!+- 2.32/20 and White stays clearly on top.]
28...Rxd1± 29.Qxd1 Black must now prevent Qd1-g4. **29...gxf4?** 2.99/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[29...Kg8± 1.33/21 was worth a try.]
30.Nd6+- Rxe5





31.Qd4! Dodges f7-f5 **31...f6 32.Rxf4** And now Rf4-g4+ would win. **32...Rg5** 2.93/23

[⌓32...Rh5 1.99/19 33.Rg4+ *(33.Rxh4 Rxh4 34.Qxh4 Bxd6=)* 33...Kh7]

33.Rxh4 Rg6? 5.40/21

[33...Qg8 3.03/20 34.Qe4 f5 35.Qxc6 Kg6]

34.Rg4 White is clearly winning.

34...Bxd6 35.cxd6

[35.Qxd6 Rxg4 36.Qxf8+ Kxf8=]

35...Rxg4 36.Qxg4+ Endgame. KQ-KQ

36...Kf7 37.Qh5+ Kg7 38.Qc5 Qh8 39.Qa7+ Kg6 40.d7 Qd8 41.Qb7

[41.Qxa6 Qxd7 42.Qb6 Qd1+ 43.Kf2 *(43.Kh2 Qd6+ 44.Kh1 Qxb4=)* 43...Qd2+ 44.Kf3 Qd5+ 45.Kf2 Qd2+ 46.Kf3 Qd5+ 47.Kg3 Qg5+ 48.Kf3 Qd5+=]

41...Kf7 42.h4 Ke7 43.h5

[Less strong is 43.Qxc6 Qxd7 44.Qxd7+ *(44.Qxa6 Qd4+ 45.Kf1 Qc4+ 46.Kg1 Qd4+ 47.Kf1 Qd1+ 48.Kf2 Qd2+ 49.Kf3 Qc3+ 50.Kf2 Qb2+ 51.Kf3 Qc3+ 52.Ke2 Qc2+ 53.Ke3 Qc1+ 54.Kf2 Qd2+ 55.Kg3 Qe1+ 56.Kf3 Qf1+ 57.Kg3 Qe1+ 58.Kh3 Qh1+ 59.Kg3 Qe1+=)* 44...Kxd7±]

43...c5 44.bxc5

[Stronger than 44.Qxa6 Qxd7 45.Kh2 cxb4=]

44...b4 45.c6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.38

[Weaker is 45.Qxa6 Qxd7 46.Kh2 b3±]

1-0

21 **D12**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**

■ **Rapport,Richard** **2715**

Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup 2nd rapid (1)

[Kitty Kat]

D12: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 e3 Bf5

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Bg6 7.Bd2 Nbd7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nxg6 White has an edge. **9...hxg6 10.Bd3** 10.Qc2 is more fashionable. 10.Dc2 ist modischer.

[10.Qc2 Qc7 11.h3 Be7 12.0-0-0 Nf8 13.Kb1 Ne6 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Bd3 0-0 16.g4 c5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.f3 Rac8 19.h4 d4 20.Bb5 Qd6

21.exd4 Ne6 22.d5 Nxd5 23.Qd3 Rcd8 24.Rcd1 Nxc3+ ½-½ Larand,M (2680)-Storme,I (2609) Balatonlelle 85/72 2002]

10...Bd6 11.h4N

[11.h3 Qe7 12.Qc2 0-0 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Kb1 b4 15.Na4 Rac8 16.f3 c5 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Nxc5 Rxc5 19.Qb3 a5 20.Rc1 Nd7 21.e4 dxe4 22.Bxe4 Rxc1+ 23.Rxc1 Nc5 24.Qd5 Nxe4 25.Qxe4 Qxe4+ 1-0 Polgar,J (2686)-Iordachescu,V (2626) EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains 2011 (10) 26.fxe4 Re8 27.Rc6 Bf8 28.Ra6 Rxe4 29.Rxa5 Re2 30.Kc1 b3 31.Ra8 bxa2 32.Rxa2 Bd6 33.g4 f5 34.Ra6 Be5 35.Kd1 Rh2 36.Rxg6 fxg4 37.Rxg4 Bxb2 ½-½ Warlick,J (2733)-Grankin,F (2741) 36/736 Baile Herculane 1983 (7)]

11...Qe7 12.Qf3 0-0-0 13.0-0-0N

[Vorgänger: 13.g4 Nf8 14.a3 Kb8 15.0-0-0 Ne6 16.Kb1 Nd7 17.g5 Nb6 18.Qe2 Rh7 19.f4 1-0 Schroeder,C (1814)-Julkowski,T (1781) WZ-ch prel40 email ICCF email 2022]

13...Rde8 14.g4 Ne4 15.h5 gxh5 16.gxh5 f5 17.Rdg1

[17.Qxf5 Rhf8 18.Bxe4 *(18.Nxe4? dxe4 19.Qxe4 Qxe4-+)* 18...Rxf5 19.Bxf5 Rf8∓]

17...Ref8 18.Rg6 Rf7 19.h6 gxh6 20.Rhxh6 Rxh6 21.Rxh6 Kc7 22.Rh5 Qf6

[22...Qf8 simplifies 23.Be1 Nxc3 24.Bxc3 f4]

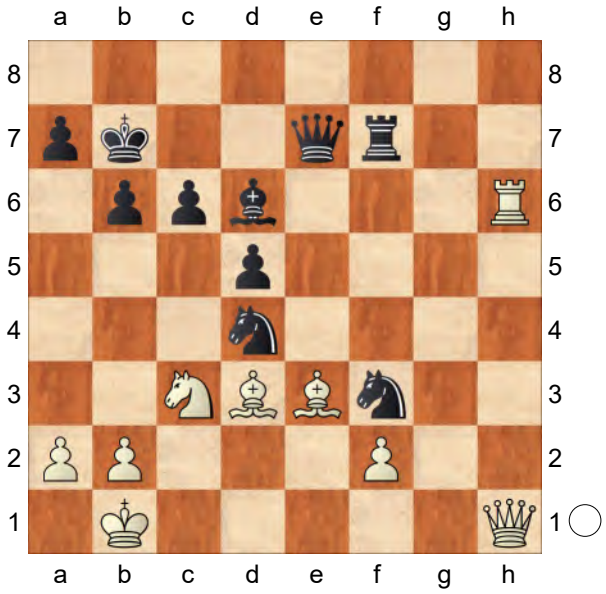
23.Kc2 Nf8 24.Ne2 Ne6 25.Ba5+ b6 26.Be1 N4g5 27.Qh1 f4 28.Rh6 Qe7 29.Bd2 fxe3 30.Bxe3 Kb7 0.65/21

[Black should try 30...Bf4= 0.00/24]

31.Nc3 -0.06/21 White is more active.

[31.Qh4!± 0.65/21]

31...Nf3⇄ Black has counterplay **32.Kb1 Nexd4**



33.Nxd5 cxd5 34.Bxd4 A strong pair of Bishops. **34...Bf4?** 5.23/23

[34...Be5= 0.03/23 35.Bxe5 *(35.Be3 Qb4=)* 35...Qxe5]

35.Qxf3+-

[35.Rg6 Be5 *(35...Nxd4 36.Qxd5+ Kc7 37.Qc4+ Kb8 38.Rg8+ Rf8 39.Rxf8+ Qxf8 40.Qxd4±)* 36.Bxe5 *(36.Be3 Qb4∓)* 36...Qxe5=]

35...Qe1+ 36.Kc2 Rc7+ 37.Bc3 2.63/29

[⌓37.Kb3 5.48/29 Bxh6 38.Qxd5+ Kb8 39.Be5 Pin Qd1+ 40.Ka3 Bf8+ 41.b4]

37...Qd2+

[37...Bxh6? 38.Qxd5+ Kb8 39.Qd8+ Kb7 40.Qxc7+ *(40.Qd5+ Kb8+-)* 40...Kxc7 41.Bxe1+-]

[37...Qc1+? 38.Kb3 Rd7 39.Rh1+-]

38.Kb3 Rxc3+ 39.bxc3 Bxh6 40.Qxd5+ Endgame. KQB-KQB **40...Kc7 41.Qe5+ Kd7 42.Bb5+ Kd8?** 3.92/23

[42...Kc8± 1.18/19]

43.Qb8+ Ke7 ...Qd2-d1+ would now be deadly. **44.Qxa7+ Kf8 45.Qb8+ Kg7 46.Qe5+**

[46.Qxb6 Qd1+ 47.Kb4 Qb1+ 48.Kc5 Qxa2±]

46...Kh7 47.Qf5+ Kg7 48.Bd3 aiming for Qf5-g6+. **48...Qd1+?** 6.04/22

[48...Bg5 3.62/18 49.Bc2 Bd8]

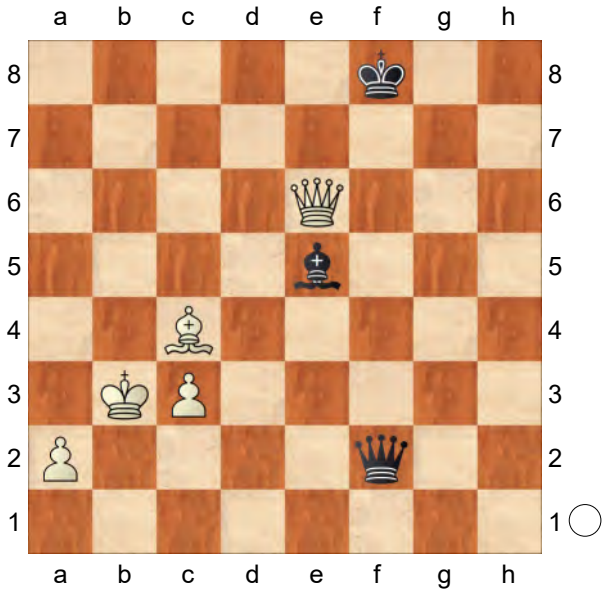
49.Kb4 Qd2 50.Qg6+ Kf8 51.Bc4

[51.Qxb6 Qb2+ 52.Kc5 *(52.Ka5 Qxa2+ 53.Kb5 Qb3+ 54.Ka6 Qa4+ 55.Qa5 Qc6+ 56.Qb6 Qxb6+ 57.Kxb6 Bg7=)* 52...Qxf2+ 53.Kb5 Qb2+ 54.Kc6 Qxc3+ 55.Kb7 Bg5=]

51...Qf4 Prevents Qg6-f7+ **52.Qxb6 Bg5 53.Kb3 Bf6 54.Qa7 Be5 55.Qh7** 2.21/20

[⌓55.a4 5.01/20]

55...Qxf2 56.Qg8+ Ke7 57.Qe6+ Kf8



58.a4? 0.54/21

[Not 58.Qxe5 Qb2+ 59.Ka4 Qb4+ 60.Kxb4=]

[58.Qc8+!+- 2.25/20 Ke7 59.Qb7+ *(59.Qe6+ Kf8±)* 59...Kf8 60.Be6 *(60.Qb4+ Ke8±)*]

58...Qf3 0.95/21 **59.Qxe5** 0.00/58

[White should play 59.Qh6+± 0.95/21 Ke8 60.Bb5+ *(60.Qe6+ Kf8=)* 60...Kf7 61.Qc6 *(61.Bc4+ Ke7=)* 61...Qxc6 62.Bxc6]

59...Qd1+= The position is equal.

60.Kb4 Qxa4+ 61.Kc5 White threatens Qe5-f6+ and mate. **61...Qa7+ 62.Kd5** Threatening mate with Qe5-h8+. **62...Qc5+! 63.Ke6 Qe7+**

[63...Qxc4+ simplifies 64.Kd6 Qa6+ 65.Kc7 Qa7+]

64.Kf5 Qg5+ 65.Ke4 Qe3+! 66.Kd5 Qc5+! 67.Ke4 Qe3+ 68.Kd5 Qc5+! 69.Ke6 Qe7+ 70.Kf5 Qg5+ 71.Ke4 Qe3+! 72.Kd5 Qc5+! 73.Ke6 Qe7+ Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) / Black=0.39

½-½

22 **C84**

□ **Bjerre,Jonas Buhl** **2648**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**

Olympiad-45 Budapest (4.11) 14.09.2024

[Kitty Kat]

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4N**

[8.Nc3 d6 9.a3 Na5 *(9...Bb7 10.Bd2 Qd7 11.a4 Na5 12.Ba2 b4 13.Ne2 c5 14.Ng3 Nc6 15.Nf5 Rae8 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bh4 Nd8 19.c3 Ne6 20.a5 g5 21.Bg3 Kg7 22.Bc4 Nh5 23.cxb4 cxb4 24.Ra4* 1-0 Fedorchuk,S (2665)-Sochacki,C (2449) Paris-ch op-FIDE 89th 2014 (3)) 10.Ba2 Be6 11.b4 *(11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.b4 Nc6 13.Qe1 Qd7 14.Ne2 a5 15.Bd2 axb4 16.axb4 d5 17.Ng3 Rxa1 18.Qxa1 Bxb4 19.Nxe5 Qd6 20.Bf4 g5 21.Nh5 Nxh5 22.Nf7 Kxf7 23.Bxd6 Bxd6 24.Qc3 Nb8 25.e5 b4* 1-0 Boskovic,M (2713)-Paskulj,K (2634) ROM-chT Romania 1994 (5.

8)) 11...Bxa2 12.Rxa2 Nc6 13.Bg5 Nd7 14.Be3 Nf6 15.Qb1 d5 16.Bg5 d4 17.Bxf6 dxc3 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Qd6 20.Ng4 a5 21.Ne3 c6 22.a4 axb4 ½-½ Deslandes,P (2794)-C 06/32 (2786) Srbija 106/(17) 2008 (12)]

8...Bb7 8...Rb8 gains popularity. 8...Tb8 wird beliebter. **9.axb5 axb5 10.Rxa8 Bxa8 11.Nc3** White is slightly better. **11...b4 12.Nd5 Na5! 13.Nxe7+**

[Reject 13.Nxe5 Nxb3 14.cxb3 Nxd5 15.exd5 Bxd5∓]

13...Qxe7 14.Ba2 d5! 15.exd5 Bxd5N

[Vorgänger: 15...b3 16.cxb3 Hoping for Bc1-d2. Nxd5 17.Re1 ½-½ Cao,S (2402)-Neelotpal,D (2463) Penang op 8th 2016 (5)]

16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Qe2 Re8 18.Re1 f6 19.Qe4 Qf7 20.Bd2 Nc6 21.Ra1 Rb8 0.64/18

[21...h6= 0.21/22]

22.Ra6!± Qd7 23.Qc4 White is more active. **23...Nce7 24.Be3 Kh8 25.h3 h6** 0.67/20

[25...b3= 0.22/20 was preferrable.]

26.Nd2 0.05/18

[White should play 26.b3± 0.67/20]

26...Nf5!= The position is equal. **27.Bc5 Nf4!**

(Diagram)

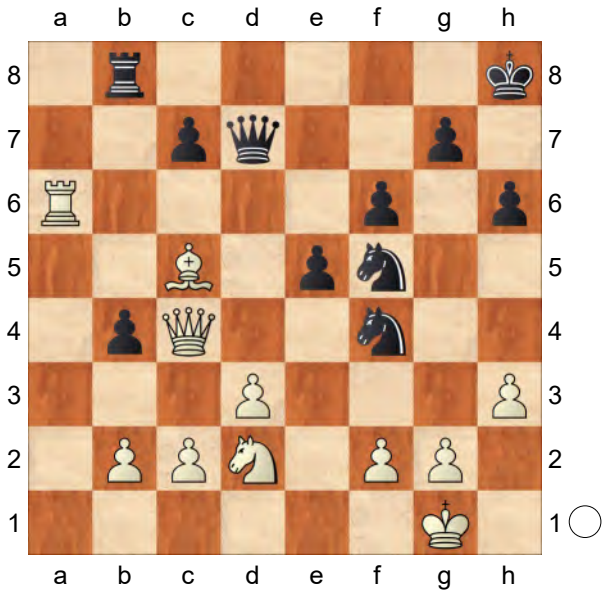
And now ...Nf5-h4 would win. **28.Be3**

[28.Bxb4 Nh4 29.Qe4 Qc8∓ *(29...Nhxg2? 30.Ra8-+)*]

28...Nd5 29.Bc5 Nf4! ...Nf5-h4 would now be deadly. **30.Be3**

[30.Bxb4? too greedy. Nh4 31.Qe4 Qc8-+ *(31...Nhxg2? 32.Ra8-+)*]

30...Nd5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless) **½-½**



23 **A46**

□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2766**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**

UzChess Cup Masters, Tashkent (1.1)

[Richard Palliser,MH]

A46: 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6: Torre, London and Colle Systems Huzman,Alexander; Vainerman,I: 'Huzman,A; Vainerman,I: 'Inf 43/36" **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4N**

[3.c4 c5 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4

A) 5...a6 6.g3 *(6.e4 Qc7 7.a3 b6 8.Be3 Bb7 9.f3 Be7 10.Rc1 d6 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Qd2 Rac8 14.b4 Rfe8 15.Kh1 Qb8 16.Rc2 Bd8 17.Na4 Ne5 18.Bg1 h5 19.Bf2 Ng6 20.c5 b5* ½-½ Skopec,L (2642)-Papadiamandis,E (2632) 17/482 Las Palmas 1974 (8.1)) 6...Qc7 7.Bg2 Qxc4 8.Bf4 Nc6 9.Nb3 d5 10.0-0 Qb4 11.e4 d4 12.Nd5 exd5 13.exd5 Ne7 14.Re1 Bg4 15.Qd3 Rd8 16.h3 Bc8 17.Rac1 g5 18.Bd2 Qd6 19.Qxd4 Nfxd5 20.Qxh8 0-1 Adianto,U (2598)-

Kasparov,G (2838) EUR-ASIA m 30' Batumi rapid 2001 (5);
B) 5...Bb4 6.Qb3 Bc5 7.Be3 b6 8.f3 Qe7 9.g3 Nc6 10.Rd1 0-0 11.Bg2 Na5 12.Qa4 Bb4 13.Bc1 Nxc4 14.0-0 d5 15.Kh1 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Bd7 17.Qc2 Rac8 12 Chapter-Games Chapter - 24 Game -]

[3.g3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Nd2 Bc5 *(6...b6 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.Nb5 Qc8 9.e4 a6 10.Nc3 d6 11.0-0 Be7 12.b3 0-0 13.Bb2 Nbd7 14.Qe2 Rd8 15.Rac1 Ra7 16.g4 h6 17.f4 Nh7 18.Nf3 Nhf8 19.g5 Ng6 20.gxh6 Nxf4 21.Qd2* 1-0 Phandsupatavorn,W (2490)-Kulejewski,L (2250) Biel Master Open 2015 *)* 7.N2b3 Be7 8.Qd3 a6 9.Bg2 d6 10.Bd2 Bd7 11.Ba5 Qc8 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rac1 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.e4 Qb8 16.Nd4 Bd7 17.h3 Rc8 1-0 Huzman,A (2435)-Novikov,I (2480) USSR 43/36 1987]

3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2

[A slightly more flexible method of development than 5.c3 ,]

[although with this move order, a definite case can also be made for the Jobava-Prie-like 5.Nc3!? , as we've seen before, most recently in Banh Gia Huy-Shahil, Qatar Masters Open, Doha 2023.]

5...h6!?

[This has been something of a recent trend amongst strong grandmasters over the past year or so. Black threatens ...Nh5 and avoids transposing into one of the main lines with 5...d5 6.c3 .]

6.Nc4!?

[A direct response. Instead, 6.c3 Nh5 7.Bg3 Nxg3 8.hxg3 d5 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Qe2 Qe7 *(10...cxd4 11.exd4 Bd7* may also be OK, as touted by the engines *)* 11.dxc5! Bxc5 12.e4 d4! seemed OK for Black in Gukesh-Caruana, Zagreb (blitz) 2023,]

[which helps to explain why White has tended to go 6.h3 . Then d5 7.c3 Bd6 is like the main line, but without White able to go Bg3 and

A) 8.dxc5!? Bxc5 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 Threatens to win with ... e6-e5. 11.e4 e5 also equalised in Moroni-Niemann, Titled Tuesday Blitz 2024, where after 12.Bg3 Black might have kept the tension with Be6!? , 13.Nxe5? -0.40/22 *(13.Qc2=* 0.02/20 is more appropriate.*)* 13...Qc7! being a neat point;

B) 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.Bb5 0-0 10.0-0 Bd7 was rock-solid for Black in Sargsyan-Caruana, Julius Baer Play-In (rapid) 2023.]

6...d5 7.Nce5 And so White has got a knight to e5, and not the usual one that goes there. This feels pleasant for him, although Black is super-solid and can play around the knight. **7...Qb6!?**

[In typical fashion Maghsoodloo angles for counterplay, rather than be safe and solid with 7...Bd6 8.c3 0-0 9.Bd3 Qc7 followed by ...Nd7.]

8.Rb1 Active counter play! The position is equal. **8...Nxe5**

[I'm not sold on this novelty, although 8...Ne4?! 0.82/21 8...Nf6-h5 0.02 9.Bd3! *(* improving over Md-Shahil, India 2022, where after *9.c3?!* -0.13/18 9.Bf1-d3 0.81 *g5! 10.Bg3 h5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bd3* Black would have enjoyed decent play had he gone, say,. Strongly threatening Bd3xe4. *f6)* 9...g5!? 10.Nxc6! gxf4

11.Nce5 also seems to favour White, and if. 0-0 would now be deadly. cxd4 12.exd4 0.18/20 *(*Better is *12.exf4± 1.00/20 Qb4+ 13.Kf1)* 12...f6 1.19/20 *(12...Rg8!=* 0.18/20 remains equal.*)* 13.Ng6 .]

[As such, perhaps the critical line is 8...Nh5!? 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Be5 when Nf6 can't be too bad for Black.]

9.Nxe5 Bd6 10.c3 Keeping everything secure. White's pieces will now flow to good squares, while coming up with a good plan for Black isn't so easy.

10...Bd7 11.Bd3 Rd8

[Slightly mysterious unless Black was keen not to castle into it and so provoke 11...0-0 12.g4?! -0.30/22 when *(*White should play *12.Qe2±* 0.33/20 *)* 12...cxd4= 13.exd4 Bb5 doesn't look overly convincing for White.]

12.a4! A handy gain of space, which also prevents ...Bb5 ideas, and only now does Maghsoodloo elect to castle. Inhibits Bd7-b5. **12...0-0 13.h4!?**

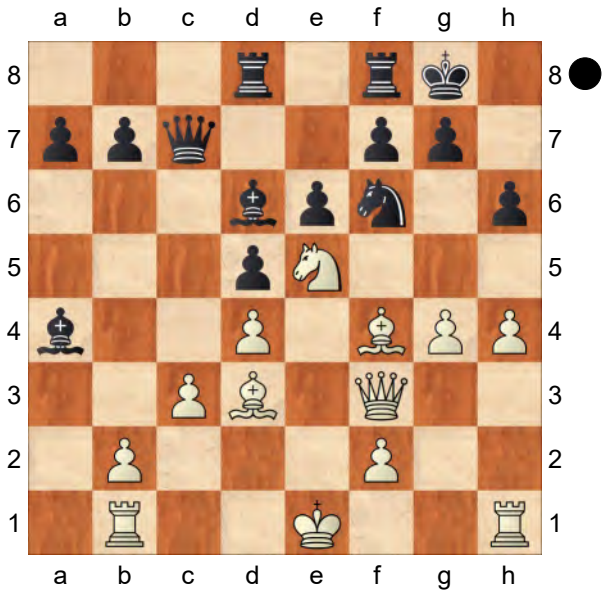
[Wowsers, is White AlphaZero? Instead, the classical 13.0-0 Qc7 14.Ra1 followed by Qf3 looks like a pleasant edge for White.]

13...cxd4 14.exd4 Ne4!? Repels Bf4-g5

[Fighting for the initiative. The engines slightly prefer 14...Qc7 when 15.Bc2! With the idea Qd1-d3. *(15.Qf3!? Bxa4 16.g4?*

(Diagram)

fails to *Ne4!)* 15...Be8! 16.0-0 Qd1-d3 is the strong threat. *(* again, if *16.g4?* -1.54/19 16.0-0 0.19 *Ne4)* 16...Ne4! 17.Qg4 f5 18.Qe2 g5!?



doesn't seem to be too bad for Black.]

15.0-0

[A calm approach, one which sidesteps 15.f3 Be8! 16.fxe4 f6 when White lacks a magic move and, for instance, 17.Nc4 dxc4 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Bxc4 Qg3+ is likely roughly level.]

15...Be8! As we've already seen, this is a fairly strong retreat, looking to advance the f-pawn. **16.Qg4!? Qc7**

[White's point was, of course, 16...f6? 3.06/20 16...Qb6-c7 0.22 17.Qxe6+ ,]

[but 16...f5!? 17.Qd1 Qc7 might have been better than the game for Black, and if 18.h5 Qe7 .]

17.Bc2

[Calmly covering a4 and most certainly not 17.Bxh6?? -3.12/22 17.Rb1-e1 0.40 f5 .]

[17.Bxh6 f5 *(17...Bxa4 18.Qxg7#)* 18.Qf4 Bxe5 *(18...gxh6? 19.Qxh6 Rf6 20.Qf4-+)* 19.dxe5 gxh6-+]

17...Kh8!?

[Refusing to potentially weaken with 17...f5 , although this and then 18.Qe2 g5! should supply sufficient

counterplay, as we noted above.]

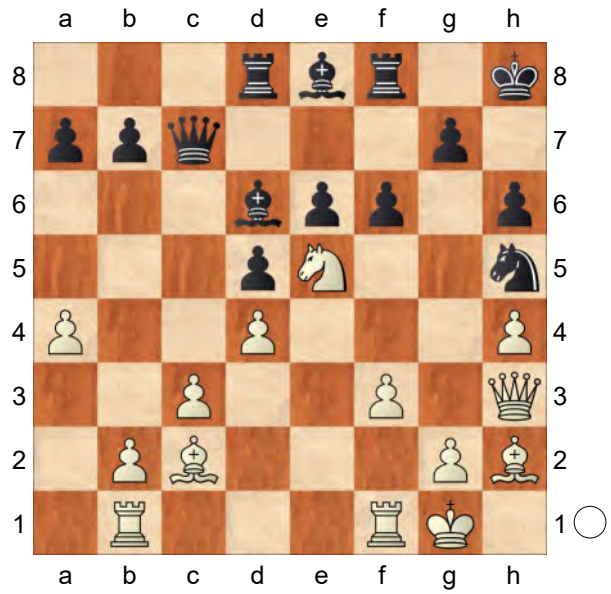
18.f3! A big decision and likely a good one, driving the knight back and being happy to keep the queen on the kingside. **18...Nf6 19.Qh3** Now White might finally get to go g2-g4 after all. Black clearly needs counterplay - and fast. **19...Nh5?** 0.74/20

[Playing on the wrong side. Black either needed to be solid and go 19...Nd7]

[or lash out with 19...b5!? when 20.axb5 Bxb5 21.Rfe1 a5 22.Bh2! a4 23.g4 Nd7! seems to maintain the rough balance, including after the highly unclear 24.f4 Nf6 25.g5 Ne4! .]

[19...b5= 0.21/21]

20.Bh2± f6



The point of Black's play, and otherwise White had g2-g4, but Maghsoodloo has missed or underestimated White's next. **21.f4** A powerful piece sacrifice which fully exploits Black's lack of coordination and offside knight. **21...fxe5?** 1.77/20

[Falling in with White's plans. Black absolutely had to go 21...f5! , even if 22.g4! fxg4 23.Qxg4 Qe7 24.f5 would leave White with a fairly strong initiative.]

[21...f5!± 0.68/20]

22.fxe5+- Be7 23.g4 Regaining the piece while keeping Black still rather untangled up. **23...Qc4** 2.61/21

[The last chance according to the engines was to dig in with 23...Bf7! 24.gxh5 And now Rf1xf7! would win. Qd7 25.Qg4 aiming for Rf1xf7! Bg8 , pretty grim though this would have been.]

[⌓23...Rg8 1.80/22 24.gxh5 Discovered Attack Qd7 *(24...Bxh5 25.Qxe6 Qc8 26.Qxc8±)*]

24.Rxf8+⟶ Black is in trouble.

[24.gxh5 Bxh5 25.Bf4 Qe2±]

24...Bxf8 25.Qf3 Gaining a handy tempo ahead of doubling on the open file. **25...Be7** 4.38/22

[But not 25...Bxa4 26.b3 Bxb3 27.Bxb3+-]

[⌓25...Bf7 2.86/19 26.Qxf7 Trapped Piece *(26.gxh5 Bg8+-)* 26...Qe2]

26.gxh5 b5 27.Rf1 Threatening mate ahead of regaining use of the d3-square for the white queen. White is clearly winning. **27...Kg8** Repels Qf3-f8+ **28.b3! Qc7 29.Qd3** It's all over bar the shouting and we can certainly appreciate why Black would have done much better to have had a bishop on g8. **29...g6 30.Qh3 Kg7**

[Likewise, 30...Qd7 31.hxg6 bxa4 32.bxa4 Rb8 33.Bf4 Bf8 34.Bc1 would have left White two pawns to the good and still attacking. Prevents Rb8-b2.]

31.Qxe6 Bxh4 8.03/22

[⌓31...Qd7 4.35/20 32.Qxd7 Bxd7]

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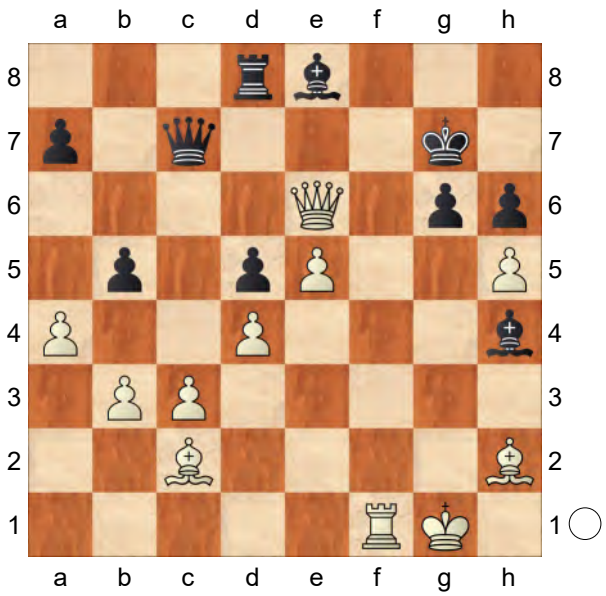

32.Qf6+!! A neat finish to exploit the loose piece on c7. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.30
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24 **D28**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2721**
Tashkent UzChess Masters (9) 14.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

D28: Queen's Gambit Accepted: Classical main line: 7 Qe2 with early ...Nc6 Inf 103/(283) **1.c4** Huzman,Alexander **1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 dxc4N**
[5...Nbd7
A) 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bb2 0-0 8.0-0 b6 *(8...c5 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Rc1 b6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Bb7 15.dxc5 Bf4 16.Bxb7 Bxc1 17.Qxc1 Qxb7 18.c6 Qc7 19.cxd7 Qxd7 20.Rd1 Qf5 21.Qc3 f6 22.Qc4+ Kh8 23.Nd4* 1-0 Kurmangaliyeva,L (2199)-Dartmann Aubanell,C (1924) Wch U18 Girls Mamaia 2022 (1)*)* 9.Ne5 Bb7 10.Nd2 c5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.f4 cxd4 13.exd4 Ne4 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Bc4 *(15.Bb5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Be7 17.Rc1 Rc8 18.Rxc8 Qxc8 19.Bc4 a6 20.a4 Qd8 21.Qe2 a5 22.h3* Georgiev,V (2581)-Jankovic,A (2541) Bosna i Hercegovina 103/(283) 2008*)* 15...b5 16.Bxb5 Nxe5 17.fxe5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 Qxb5 20.Qg4 Skalusevic,L (2658)-Dallmann,V (2585) Wuerzburg op 14th Würzburg 1998;
B) 6.0-0 Bd6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.e4 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Re1 Re8 11.exd5 exd4 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Nc5 14.Qxd4 Nxe4 15.Rxe4 Bf5 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8 17.Bf4 Qd8 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Re1 h6 20.h3 1-0 Socko,M (2486)-Warakomska,A (2188) POL-chT 66th Katowice 2010 (1)]
6.Bxc4 c5 7.0-0 7.0-0 was played by the boomers. 7.0-0 wurden von den Boomern gerne gespielt. **7...Nc6 8.Qe2 a6 9.a3 b5 10.Ba2 cxd4 11.Rd1** The position is equal. **11...d3 12.Rxd3 Qc7 13.e4 Ng4 14.h3 h5N**
[Vorgänger: 14...Nge5 1.15/27 14...h7-h5 0.75 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Be3 Against Bf8-c5 Bb7 1.76/24 *(16...Be7± 1.07/21)* 17.Nc3 1.39/21 *(17.f4+- 1.76/24 Qxe4 18.Nc3)* 17...Bc5 2.11/25 *(17...Rd8± 1.39/21)* 18.Rad1 Be3xc5 is the strong threat. 0-0 19.f4 Bxe3+ 20.Qxe3 Qb8 21.Rd7 Bc8 1-0 Kramnik,V (2760)-Topalov,V (2690) FIDE-Wch k.o. g/25+10 Las Vegas rapid 1999 (4.3)]
15.Nc3 0.15/19
[Better is 15.Qc2± 0.83/23 Bb7

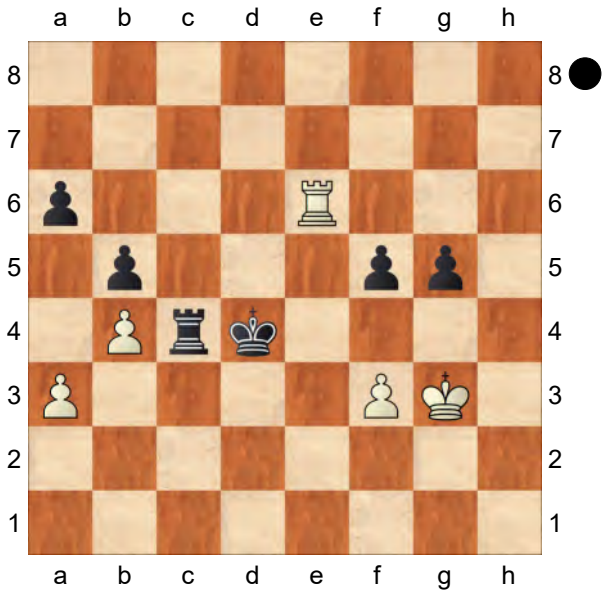
16.hxg4 hxg4 17.Nbd2]
15...Bc5!= 16.hxg4 hxg4 17.Nd5! exd5 18.exd5+ Qe7 19.Qxe7+ Nxe7 20.Be3 -0.53/28
[20.d6= 0.00/24 gxf3 *(20...Bf5 21.d7+ Kd8 22.Rc3=)* 21.dxe7 Bxe7 22.Bd5]
20...Bd6!↑ Black is really pushing.
[20...Bxe3 21.Rxe3 gxf3 22.d6±]
21.Nd4 Bf5 22.Rd2 -1.19/20 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
[22.Nxf5∓ -0.51/22 Nxf5 23.Bb3]
22...Kd7!∓ ...Rh8-h2 would now be deadly. Black is more active. **23.Rad1** -1.73/24
[23.Nxf5∓ -1.14/23 Nxf5 24.Bb1 Nxe3 25.fxe3]
23...Rh5 -1.31/25
[23...Rh2-+ -1.73/24 And now ...Ra8-h8 would win. 24.Nxf5 Nxf5]
24.Kf1 -2.61/25
[24.Ne2∓ -1.31/25]
24...Be4 25.f3 gxf3
[25...Bxd5 26.Bxd5 *(26.Nxb5 Nf5=)* 26...Rxd5 *(26...Nxd5 27.Bg1±)* 27.fxg4=]
[25...Nxd5? 26.Bg1 gxf3 27.Nxf3+-]
26.gxf3 Bg6
[26...Bxd5 27.Nc2 *(27.Nxb5 axb5 28.Bxd5 Nxd5±)* 27...Rc8 28.Nb4 Bxb4 29.axb4∓]
[26...Nxd5? 27.Bg1 Nf6 28.Bxf7+- *(28.fxe4 Nxe4 29.Rg2 g6+-)*]
27.Bg1 Nf5
[27...Nxd5? 28.Ne2 Rc8 29.Bxd5+- *(29.Rxd5 Rxd5 30.Bxd5 Kc7+-)*]
28.Bb1 Ng3+ Discovered Attack **29.Kg2 Bxb1**
[29...Rxd5? 30.Ba2 Rh5 31.Nxb5+-]
30.Rxb1 Rah8
[30...Rxd5 31.Rbd1 Bf4 32.Rd3=]
31.Rbd1 Rg5
[31...Rxd5 32.Nb3 Rxd2+ 33.Rxd2∓]
32.Be3 Rgh5
[32...Rxd5 33.Bf2 Nh5 34.Ne2 Rxd2 35.Rxd2∓]
33.Bg1 Prevents Rh5-h2+ **33...Bf4**
[33...Rxd5 34.Nb3 Rxd2+ 35.Rxd2∓]
34.Ne2 -2.79/27
[⌓34.Rd3 -1.84/23]
34...Nxe2 35.Rxe2 Rg5+ 36.Kf1 Rg3 37.Rd3 -2.22/22
[37.d6 -1.74/27 might work better. Bxd6 *(37...Rxf3+ 38.Kg2=)* 38.Rd3]
37...Rhh3-+ 38.Rf2 Bd6 39.b4 -2.70/23
[⌓39.b3 -1.97/22]
39...g6 40.Bh2 Rg5 41.Bg1 Rhh5 42.Rfd2 -3.76/23
[42.Ra2 -2.64/24 is a better defense.]
42...Bf4 43.Be3 Bxe3 44.Rxe3 Endgame. KRR-KRR **44...Rh1+**
[Less strong is 44...Rxd5 45.Rde2∓]
45.Ke2 Rh2+ 46.Kd1 Rxd2+ Remove Defender **47.Kxd2 Rxd5+** KR-KR **48.Ke2 Rd6** Threatens to win with ...Rd6-e6. **49.Rc3 Re6+ 50.Kf2 Rc6 51.Rd3+ Ke6 52.Re3+ Kd5 53.Rd3+ Ke5 54.Ke3 g5 55.Kf2 f5 56.Kg3 Rc4 57.Re3+ Kd5 58.Rd3+ Ke5 59.Re3+ Kd4 60.Re6**

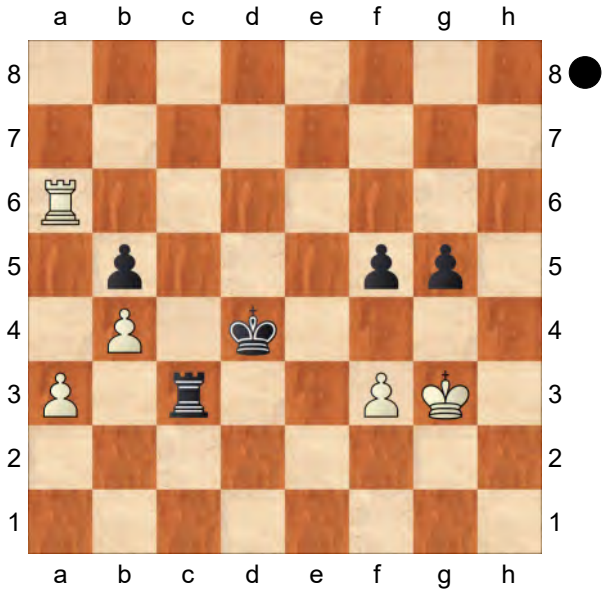
(Diagram)

Rc3! 61.Rxa6

(Diagram)

g4! 62.a4 Rxf3+ 63.Kg2 bxa4 64.Rxa4 Rb3 65.b5+ Ke5 66.b6 Rxb6 67.Kg3 Rb3+ 68.Kh4 Rh3+ 69.Kg5 Rf3 70.Kh4 Re3 71.Rb4 g3 Strongly threatening ...g3-g2. **72.Kh3 f4 73.Rb2 Kf5 74.Ra2 Re1 75.Rb2 Rh1+**





76.Kg2 Rd1 77.Kh3 Ke4 Hoping for ... Ke4-e3. **78.Kg4 Ke3 79.Rb3+ Ke2** -29.40/22

[⌓79...Rd3 -#69/25 80.Rb2 g2 81.Rxg2 f3 82.Rh2 f2 83.Rh1 Ke2 84.Kf5 f1Q+ *(84...f1R+* leads to mate. *85.Rxf1 Kxf1 86.Kf4 Kf2 87.Ke4 Ke2 88.Kf5 Kf3 89.Ke5 Rd2 90.Kf5 Re2 91.Kg5 Re5+ 92.Kf6 Kf4 93.Kg6 Re6+ 94.Kg7 Kg5 95.Kf7 Re5 96.Kg7 Rf5 97.Kh7 Kf6 98.Kh6 Kf7 99.Kh7 Rh5#)* 85.Rxf1 Kxf1 86.Kf4 Kf2 87.Ke4 Rd1 88.Kf4 Re1 89.Kg4 Re4+ 90.Kg5 Kg3 91.Kf5 Re1 92.Kg6 Kg4 93.Kf6 Re4 94.Kg6 Rf4 95.Kh7 Kg5 96.Kg7 Rf1 97.Kh7 Kf6 98.Kg8 Rh1 99.Kf8 Rh8#]

80.Kh3 Rd3 81.Rb1 Kf2 -14.06/23

[⌓81...Rd2 -#52/25 82.Kg4 Kf2 83.Kxf4 g2 84.Ke4 g1Q *(84...g1R 85.Rb6-+)* 85.Rxg1 Kxg1 86.Ke3 Rd8 87.Kf4 Kf2 88.Ke4 Rd1 89.Kf4 Re1 90.Kg4 Re4+ 91.Kg5 Kg3 92.Kf5 Re3 93.Kg6 Kf4 94.Kf6 Kg4 95.Kg6 Rf3 96.Kh6 Kf5 97.Kg7 Kg5 98.Kh8 Kh6 99.Kg8 Kg6 100.Kh8 Rf8#]

82.Rb2+ Kf3 (→ ...Rd3-e3) **83.Ra2 Re3 84.Ra1 Kf2 85.Ra2+ Re2** Black mates. **86.Ra1 g2 87.Kh2 f3 88.Rb1 Re1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.12 (very precise)

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25 **C68**

□ **Rapport,Richard** **2715**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**

Tashkent UzChess Masters (8) 13.06.24

[Kitty Kat]

C68: Ruy Lopez: Exchange Variation, sidelines **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0 Qd6 6.Na3 b5 7.c3 c5 8.Nc2 Ne7 9.a4 Bd7N**

[9...Bb7 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8+ Bxa8 12.d4 cxd4 *(12...exd4 13.cxd4 Bxe4 14.Re1 Bg6 15.Bd2 Bh5 16.dxc5 Qd5 17.Ncd4 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 f6 19.Qa1 Qxc5 20.Qa5 Kf7 21.b4 Qd5 22.Qxc7 h6 23.h3 g5 24.Be3 Qc6 25.Qa7 Kg6 26.Nd4 Qd5 27.Qc7* 1-0 Arsenie,C (2601)-Collinet, N (2606) Match Steinitz-Golmayo +8-1=1 Havana 1883 *Rg8 28.Qc2+*

Kf7 29.Rc1 g4 30.Qh7+ Rg7 31.Qxh6 Qe4 32.Nxb5 Nf5 33.Rc7+ Ke6 34.Qh5 Nxe3 35.Qe8+ Kf5 36.Nd6+ Bxd6 37.Qxe4+ Kxe4 38.Rxg7 Nc4 39.Rxg4+ Kd5 40.b5 Be5 41.h4 Nd6 42.Ra4 1-0 Geenen,M (2601)-Brookes,J (2560) corr Christoffel Memorial Section Gold Switzerland 2002*)* 13.cxd4 Bxe4 14.Nxe5 f6 15.Nd3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 c6 17.Bd2 Nd5 18.Ra1 Kf7 19.Ra8 g6 20.Ne3 Nc7 21.Ra7 Be7 22.Qb3+ Nd5 23.Nxd5 Qxd5 24.Qxd5+ 0-1 Ibarra Jerez,J (2387)-Kuzmin,A (2583) Andorra op 21st 2003 (9)]

[9...Rb8 10.axb5 axb5 11.Qe2 Nc6 12.Rd1 Qg6 13.d4 cxd4 14.cxd4 exd4 15.Ncxd4 Nxd4 16.Rxd4 Be7 17.Bf4 Rb7 18.b4 0-0 19.Rc1 Bg4 20.Qd3 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 c6 22.h4 h6 23.Qh3 Rb6 24.h5 1-0 Hess,R (2485)-Becerra Rivero,J (2609) ch-USA Saint Louis USA 2009 (2)]

10.b3 0.47/20

[White should play 10.axb5± 1.03/20 Bxb5 11.Re1]

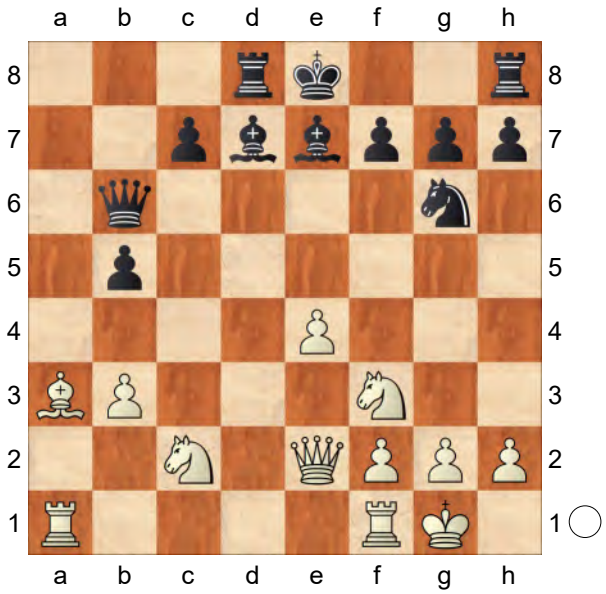
10...Rd8 11.axb5 White is slightly better. **11...axb5 12.Qe2 Ng6 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 Be7 15.dxc5 Qxc5 16.Ba3 Qb6**

(Diagram)

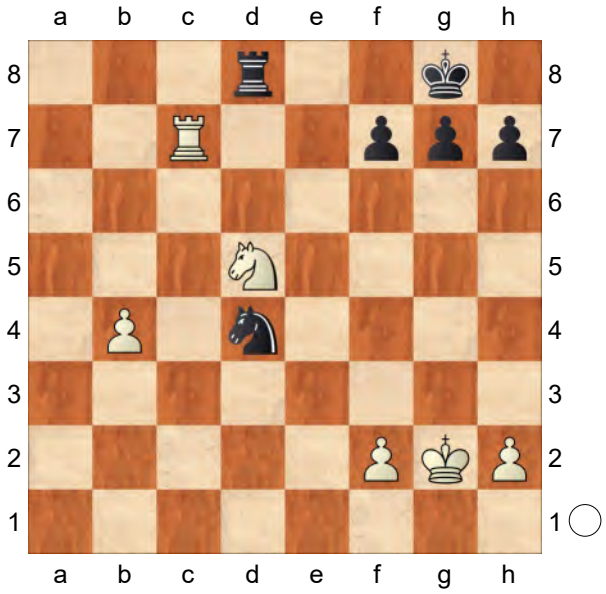
And now ...b5-b4 would win. **17.Bxe7 Nxe7 18.Qe3 Qxe3** The position is equal. **19.Nxe3 Bc6 20.Rfc1 Bxe4 21.Rxc7 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Ng6 23.Ra5 Nh4 24.Rxb5** Rb5-e5+ is the strong threat. **24...Nxf3+ 25.Kg2 Nd4 26.Rd5** Threatens to win with Rd5xd8+.

[26.Rbb7!? 0-0□ 27.h4=]

26...0-0 27.b4 Rxd5 28.Nxd5=



Endgame. KRN-KRN **28...Rd8**



29.Rc4! Ne6 30.Ne3 Kf8 31.b5 Ke7 32.b6 Rb8 33.Ra4 Kd6 34.Ra7 Kc6 35.Rxf7 Rxb6 36.Re7 Kc5 37.Kg3 h5 38.Rd7 g6 39.Rd5+ Kc6 40.Kf3 Rb4 41.Rd1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless) **½-½**

26 **E20**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2762**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
7th Sharjah Masters 2024 (7.4) 20.05.24
[John Emms,MH]

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3** It's no surprise to see this sharp line as part of Erigaisi's repertoire. **4...c5 5.d5 b5 6.e4! 0-0** Maghsoodloo allows the advance of the e-pawn. 6...d6 is the main alternative. **7.e5**

[7.cxb5 exd5 8.Bd3 dxe4 9.fxe4 d5∓]

7...Ne8 8.f4 exd5 9.cxd5 d6 10.Nf3

[10.Bxb5 dxe5 11.Nge2 Nd6=]

10...c4 11.a4 dxe5!? This is a relatively rare choice.

[11...Nd7 is the main line, and here Erigaisi has played 12.axb5!? : *(12.Be2* is the most popular choice - see the notes to Firouzja,A-So,W/chess24.com 2021*)* 12...dxe5 13.Bxc4 Nd6 *(13...Qc7!)* 14.Be2

A) 14...exf4 15.0-0! Bb7 1.04/20 *(*Black should play *15...Bc5+*± 0.36/21 *16.Kh1 Qf6)* 16.Bxf4± favoured White in Erigaisi,A-Nakamura,H/Kolkata 2022;

B) 14...Qb6!

B1) 15.Bd2

B1a) 15...Bxc3 0.41/19 15...e5-e4 -0.32 16.Bxc3 Ne4 17.Rf1 Prevents Qb6-f2+. Nxc3 18.bxc3 Qc5 0.95/21 *(18...exf4*± 0.37/19 *19.Qd4 Re8)* 19.c4 0.39/18 *(19.fxe5*± 0.95/21 *Qxc3+ 20.Kf2)* 19...Re8!± 20.Rf2 was better for White in Piesik,P-Kozak,A/Slovakia 2020;

B1b) 15...e4! 16.Ne5! e3;

B2) 15.fxe5 Nxe5! appears to be a critical line. For example, 16.Nxe5 Re8! 17.Nd3 Ne4 18.Qc2 Nxc3 *(18...Bf5!?)* 19.bxc3 Bg4! 20.Nf4 Rac8! 21.Bd2! *(21.Bb2 Qe3! 22.Qd2 Rxc3!)* 21...Bxe2 22.Nxe2 Qxb5 23.0-0! Qxe2 24.Rae1 Qc4 25.Qf5 Bc5+ 26.Kh1 f6 and the engine says 0.00!]

[11...Bg4 12.axb5 Black should prevent Bf1-e2. *(*or *12.Be2 dxe5 13.fxe5)* 12...dxe5 13.fxe5 is another way to reach the game position.]

12.fxe5 Bg4 13.axb5

[13.Be2! Nd7 14.Bf4 has been seen a few times in correspondence games, with Black holding in the complications.

A) 14...Nb6 15.axb5 *(15.d6!?* Black must now prevent 0-0. *Nxa4 16.Qd2* is worth a look for example,. Hoping for 0-0. *f6* And now ...f6xe5 would win. *17.Rd1 fxe5 18.Bxe5 Nf6* Against Qd2-d5+ *19.0-0* with good compensation for White*)* 15...Nxd5 16.Bg5 Qd7 17.Bxc4 Nec7 18.0-0 Bxc3! 19.bxc3 Nxc3 20.Qxd7 Bxd7 21.Bd2 N3xb5 22.Ng5 Ne6 23.Rad1 Rfc8 (é-é Neubauer,R-Borwell,A/ICCF email 2012). Black equalises with accurate play, e.g. 24.Bd5 Bc6 25.Ba2 Nbc7 26.Nxf7 Threatens to win with Bd2-a5. *(26.Rxf7!? Bd5*□ *27.Bxd5 Nxd5 28.Rd7=)* 26...Bd5!=;

B) 14...Qb6 15.d6! Repels Ne8-c7 bxa4 16.Kf1! Be6! Otherwise Nd5 was coming. 17.Rxa4 Bc5 0.32/19 *(*Black should try *17...Qb7=* -0.21/20 *)* 18.Bxc4± Qxb2 19.Qd2!

Qxd2 20.Bxd2 Bxc4+! 21.Rxc4 f6! Black has to break up White's impressive pawn centre. 22.Ne4 *(22.e6? -1.66/19 22.Nc3-e4 0.25 Nxd6)* 22...fxe5! 23.Nxc5 Nxc5 24.Rxc5 e4 25.Bg5! exf3 26.Be7 Rf4! This allows Black to contain the d-pawn with ...Rd4. 27.gxf3 (é-é Oikamo,T-Engelen,J/ICCF email 2021). d6-d7 would now be deadly. *(27.d7!? Rd4□ 28.Rc8 Rxd7 29.Rxa8 Rd1+ 30.Kf2 Rxh1 31.Ba3±)* 27...Nf6 28.Rg1 Kf7 29.Ke2 a5 and Black holds comfortably.]

13...Nd7 14.Bf4

[14.Qd4 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Nc7 16.Bxc4 Bc5! *(16...Bc5!? 17.Qf4 Nxe5=)* 17.Qe4 Nxe5! gives Black good counterplay.]

[14.Bxc4 Bxf3 *(14...Nxe5 15.Be2∓)* 15.gxf3 Qh4+ *(15...Nxe5 16.Be2∓)* 16.Kf1 Qxc4+ 17.Qe2 Nxe5-+]

14...Nc7! 15.Bxc4 Nb6 16.Be2N

[16.Bg5? Qxg5 17.Nxg5 Bxd1-+]

[16.Bb3 Nbxd5 17.Bd2 Nxc3 18.Bxc3 Bxf3 19.Qxd8 Bxc3+ 20.bxc3 Rfxd8 21.gxf3 Nxb5 #2 4.f3-7.e5 with 10.a4]

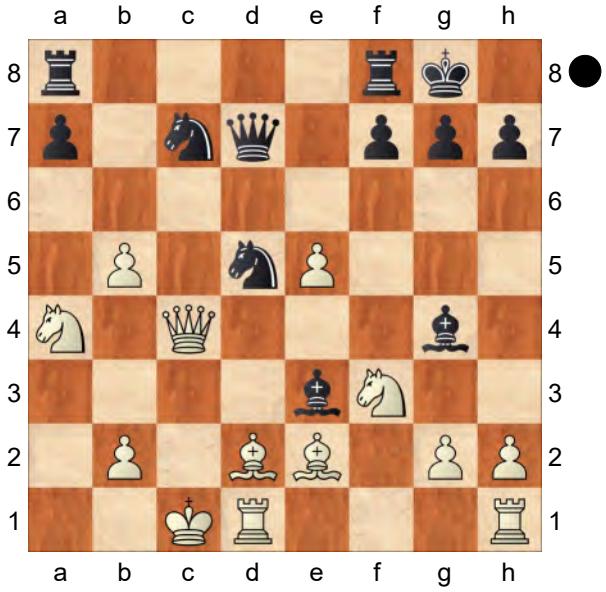
[16.Qd4 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Ne6 18.Qe4 Qh4+ 19.Bg3 Qxe4+ 20.fxe4 Nxc4 21.dxe6 Nxb2 #1 4.f3-7.e5 with 10.a4]

16...Nbxd5 17.Bd2 Bc5 Preventing White from castling. The opening battle has been successful for Maghsoodloo, and Black has a promising position here although it remains tremendously sharp and the assessment can change very quickly. **18.Qa4 Qd7 19.Qc4 Bb6 20.Na4**

[20.h3 simplifies Nxc3 21.Qxg4 Qxg4 22.hxg4 Nxe2 23.Kxe2 f6 24.exf6 Rxf6 25.Ba5]

20...Bxf3

[20...Be3! is the best move here, and after 21.Rd1 Bd2xe3 is the strong threat. *(21.0-0-0* -1.25/18 21.Ra1-d1 -0.23



a6!) 21...Qf5! Black's position looks easier to play.]

21.Bxf3 With the idea Na4xb6.

21...Rae8 0.40/20

[21...Rad8= 0.04/19]

22.0-0-0!± After the last two moves, suddenly queenside castling looks a lot safer for White! **22...Rxe5 23.Rhe1!**

[And not 23.Bf4 Qf5 24.Bxe5 *(24.Bxd5? Nxd5 25.Nxb6 Nxf4-+)* 24...Be3+ 25.Rd2 Bxd2+ *(25...Qxe5 26.Rhd1∓)* 26.Kxd2 Qg5+∓ *(26...Qxe5 27.Kc1∓; 26...Qxe5 27.Kc1∓)*]

23...Qf5 24.Rxe5

[24.g4!?]

24...Qxe5 25.Re1 It's now clear that White is the one who is pressing. **25...Qd6 26.Qc6 Rd8 27.Nxb6 axb6 28.Rd1**

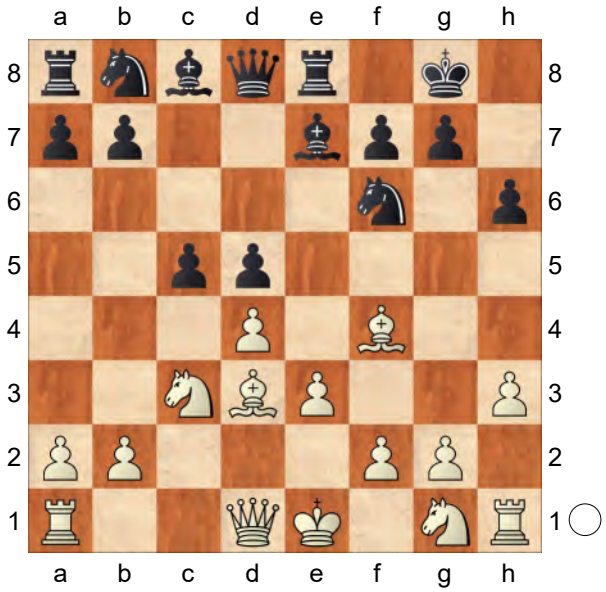
[28.Qxd6 Rxd6 29.Be2 Kf8±]

28...Ne7 0.40/22

[28...Qe5!= 0.00/22 is superior.]
29.Qxd6
[29.Qc4 seems wilder. Ncd5 30.Bb4 Qxb4 31.Qxb4 Rc8+ 32.Qc3]
29...Rxd6 30.Be3 Rxd1+ 31.Kxd1=
Endgame. With a healthy pawn majority on the queenside, the bishop pair advantage would be close to decisive. As it is, White is still better, but the doubled b-pawns give Black excellent chances to hold. KBB-KNN **31...Ned5 32.Bf2 f5 33.Kd2 Kf7 34.Kd3 g5 35.Kc4 Ke6 36.h3 Ke5 37.Bd4+ Kd6 38.g4** The position is equal. **38...f4 39.Be4 h6 40.Bf3**
[40.Bg7 is critical, but. Strongly threatening Be4xd5! Ne6! 41.Bxh6 Ne3+ 42.Kd3 Ke5 gives Black dangerous counterplay. Dodges Be4-f5]
40...Ke6 41.Bg7 Kf7 42.Bd4
Again Maghsoodloo chooses not to take the pawn. This pair of bishops is nice.
[42.Bxh6 Ne3+ 43.Kd3 Ne6! forces White to play. aiming for ...Kf7-g6. 44.h4 gxh4 and Black is okay.]
[Much worse is 42.Bxd5+ Kxg7 43.Bc6 Kf7∓]
42...Ke6 43.Bg7 Kf7 44.Bd4 Ke6 45.Be4 Kd6 46.Bh1 Ke6 47.Bf3 Kd6 48.b3 Ke6 49.Bg7 Kf7 50.Bd4
[50.Bxd5+ Kxg7 51.Bf3 Kf6∓]
50...Ke6 51.Bg7 Kf7 52.Bd4
Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
[Don't play 52.Bxd5+ Kxg7 53.Bg2 Kf6∓]
½-½

27 **D35**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
■ **Sindarov,Javokhir** **2668**
Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup 2nd rapid (5)
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 Re8 8.h3** 8.Nf3 is the recent fashion. 8.Sf3 ist aktuell in Mode. **8...h6 9.Bf4 c5**



White must now prevent ...c5xd4. **10.Nf3 Nc6 11.0-0 cxd4 12.exd4 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Re1N**
[Vorgänger: 14.Qd2 a6 15.Rae1 Bd7 16.a3 Rxe1 17.Rxe1 Re8 ½-½ Calvo Minguez,R-Toran Albero,R Olot 1969 (4)]
14...Bd7 15.Qd2 Rxe1+N
[15...a6 16.a3 Rac8 17.Rad1 Kf8 18.b4 Rxe1+ 19.Rxe1 Re8 20.Rxe8+ Bxe8 21.Qe3 Nd8 22.Qe5 Qe7 23.g4 Nc6 24.Qf4 g5 25.Qe3 a5 26.b5 Nd8 27.a4 Ne6 28.Qe5 Nf4 29.Bf1 Qxe5 30.Nxe5 1-0 Robson,R (2700)-Sindarov,J (2677) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In

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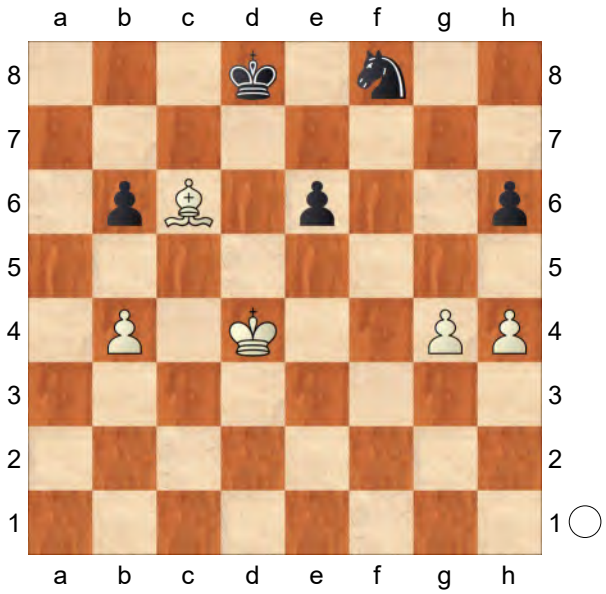
16.Rxe1 Re8 17.Rxe8+ Bxe8 18.a3 Bd7 19.Qe3 a6 20.Ne5 Qc7 21.f4 Qb6 22.Nxd7 Nxd7 23.b4 Qxd4 0.95/21
[23...Ne7!= 0.10/27]
24.Qxd4± Nxd4 25.Nxd5= Endgame. KBN-KNN **25...Kf8 26.Kf2 Ke8 27.Ke3 Nc6 28.Be4 Kd8** Inhibits Nd5-c7. **29.h4 a5 30.g4** 0.23/21
[30.b5± 0.87/24 Na7 31.Bd3]
30...axb4 31.axb4 b6 0.68/24
[31...Nf8= 0.17/21]
32.Kd3 0.22/23
[32.g5± 0.68/24]
32...Ne7 33.Ne3 Nf6 34.Bf3 Ng6 35.Ng2 Ne7 36.Kd4 Nd7 37.Ne3 Ng6 1.25/23
[37...Kc7= 0.17/20]
38.Nf5± Threatens to win with Kd4-e3.
38...Nxf4 1.96/29
[38...Nf6± 1.10/20]
39.Nxg7+- Ne6+? 5.44/20
[39...Ng6± 1.46/21 is tougher.]
40.Nxe6+ fxe6 KB-KN **41.Bc6?** 0.14/27
[41.g5+- 6.07/28 hxg5 42.hxg5]
41...Nf8? 5.61/28
[41...Nf6!= 0.14/27]

(Diagram)

42.Be4! Ke7 43.g5 hxg5 44.hxg5 Kd6 45.g6? 0.15/21
[White has to play 45.Kc4+- 6.52/26]
45...e5+= The position is equal. **46.Kc4 Ne6 47.Kb5 Kc7 48.Bf3 Ng7!**
[Not 48...Nd4+? 49.Kc4 Ne6 *(49...Nxf3? perishes. 50.g7+-)* 50.Bg4+-]
49.Bg4 Ne8 50.Kc4 aiming for Kc4-d3. **50...Kd6 51.Kd3** Kd3-e4 is the strong threat. **51...Ke7 52.Ke4 Kf6 53.Kd5**



Kxg6 54.Kxe5 Nc7 55.Kd6 Na6 56.b5 Nc5 57.Bd1 Kf6 58.Bc2 Ne6 59.Kc6 Nd4+ 60.Kxb6 Nxb5 61.Kxb5 Ke5 Black escapes into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.39
½-½

28 **E11**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2743**
Prague Masters 6th (9) 07.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7**
[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap Zürich rapid 2009 (6)]
6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0N
[7.Qc2 Ne4 8.0-0 c6 9.Nc3 f5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Ne5 Qe8 12.f3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd7 15.Rab1

b5 16.c5 Qg6 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qe2 Be8 ½-½ Hampton,S (2426)-Kolb,W (2283) 103/229 London 2008 (3) 22.h4 Qh5 23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Bf4 Qg6 25.Kh2 h5 26.Bg5 Bf7 27.Qe3 Qh7 28.Qf4 Bg6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qc7 Be4 31.Be2 Qf5 32.Qf4 Qg6 33.Kg1 Bd3 34.Bf3 Bc4 35.a3 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3)]

7...c6 8.b3 b6 9.Bc1 Nbd7 10.Bb2 a5 11.Qc2 Ba6 12.Nbd2 c5 13.Rac1 Rc8 14.Qb1 dxc4 15.Nxc4 b5 16.Nce5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qb6 Against Ne5-c6 **18.Rc2 Rc7** 1.00/21

[18...Rfd8!= 0.20/19 keeps the balance.]

19.dxc5!± Bxc5 20.Nd3 Bd6 21.Rxc7! Qxc7 22.Rc1 Qe7 23.Ne5 Bb7 24.Bxb7 0.57/22

[24.Nc6± 1.14/20 Bxc6 25.Rxc6 *(25.Bxc6 Rb8±)*]

24...Bxe5 0.93/26

[24...Qxb7± 0.57/22 25.Nc6 Ra8]

25.Bc6 Bxb2 26.Qxb2 b4 27.Qe5 Qd8 28.Rc4 h6 29.Kg2 Qb6

(Diagram)

30.Bf3! Qd8 1.46/23

[⌓30...Nd7 0.87/24 31.Qc7 Rd8]

31.Rd4 0.81/22 White has more active pieces.

[⌓31.h4 1.46/23]

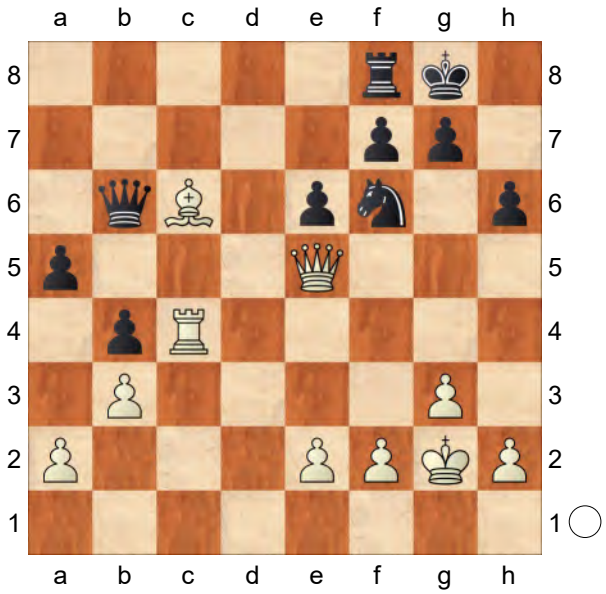
31...Qb6 32.Rc4 Against Rf8-c8

32...Qd8 1.52/24

[Black should play 32...Nd7 0.97/23 33.Qc7 Rd8]

33.Rc6 Re8 1.86/23

[33...Nd5± 1.23/23 34.Bxd5 exd5]



34.Ra6 Nd5 35.e3 1.43/22

[35.h4+- 1.84/21]

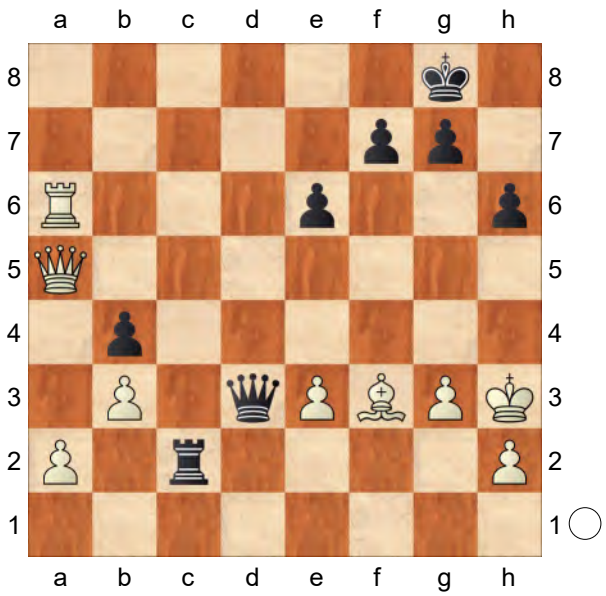
35...Re7 36.Qd4 1.29/21

[36.e4+- 1.68/20 Nc3 37.a4 *(37.Rxa5 Rc7±; 37.Qxa5 Qxa5 38.Rxa5 g6±)*]

36...Rd7 37.Qc5 Rc7? 2.57/23

[37...Kh7± 0.93/19 might work better.]

38.Qxa5+- Black must now prevent Ra6-a8. **38...Nxe3+ 39.fxe3 Rc2+ 40.Kh3 Qd3**



And now ...Qd3-f1+ would win. **41.Ra7?**

0.00/24
[41.Ra8+!+- 4.08/31 Kh7 42.Rh8+ Decoy, Clearance *(42.Qxb4? Qf1+ 43.Kg4 Rxh2-+)* 42...Kxh8 43.Qa8+ *(43.Qxb4? Qf1+ 44.Kg4 f5+ 45.Kf4 Rf2-+)* 43...Rc8 44.Qxc8+ Kh7 45.Qb7 Qf1+ 46.Bg2]
41...Qf1+=
[41...Qxe3? 42.Qd8+ Kh7 43.Rxf7+-]
42.Kg4 Rf2 0.37/25
[42...Qd3= 0.00/24 43.Qe5 *(43.Qxb4? Qf5+ 44.Kh4 Rxh2#)* 43...Rf2]
43.Qd8+± Kh7 44.Rxf7 h5+! Deflection
[44...Kg6 45.Rf6+ Kh7 46.Be4+ *(46.Rxe6 Rxf3 47.Qd5 Rf8±; 46.Rxe6 Rxf3 47.Qd5 Rf8=)*]
45.Kxh5 White threatens Rf7xg7+! and mate.
[45.Kh4 simplifies Rxf3 46.Rxf3 Qxf3 47.Qg5]
45...Rxf3 Endgame. KQR-KQR **46.Rf4**
[46.Rxf3 simplifies Qxf3+ 47.Kh4 Qxe3 48.Qg5]
46...e5⇄ Black puts up resistance
47.Rxf3
[47.Rxb4? gets mated. Qh3+ *(47...Rxe3? is the wrong capture. 48.Kg5+-)* 48.Rh4 Qf5+ 49.Qg5 g6#]
[47.Rh4 Rxg3 48.Qd7 Qf6 *(48...Rxe3 49.Kg5+ Kg8 50.Qe8+ Qf8 51.Rh8+ Deflection Kxh8 52.Qxf8+ Kh7 53.Qf5+ g6 54.Qd7+ Kg8 55.Kxg6; 48...Qd1+? 49.Qg4-+; 48...Rxe3 49.Kg5+ Kg8 50.Qe8+ Qf8 51.Rh8+ Deflection Kxh8 52.Qxf8+ Kh7 53.Qf5+ g6 54.Qd7+ Kg8 55.Kxg6; 48...Qd1+? 49.Qg4-+)*]
47...Qxf3+= KQ-KQ **48.Kg5! Qxe3+ 49.Kf5** Qd8-h4+ is the strong threat.
49...Qf3+ 50.Kxe5 Qe2+ 51.Kf5 aiming for Qd8-h4+. **51...Qf2+ 52.Ke6** Hoping for Qd8-h4+. **52...Qe2+ 53.Kf5 Qf2+ 54.Ke6** Qd8-h4+ would now be deadly. **54...Qe2+ 55.Kd7 Qxh2 56.Qh4+** 0.00/49
[56.Qb8± 0.42/23]
56...Qxh4 The position is equal. **57.gxh4** K3P-KPP **57...Kg6** Strongly threatening ...Kg6-h5. **58.Ke6**
[58.Kc6!? Kh5□ 59.Kc5 Kxh4 60.Kxb4=]
58...Kh5 59.Kf7 Kxh4 Threatens to win with ...g7-g5. **60.Kxg7**
[60.Kg6!?]
60...Kg5 61.Kf7 White wants to mate with Kf7-e7. **61...Kf5! 62.Ke7 Ke5 63.Kd7 Kd5!** Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.17 (very precise)
½-½

29 **A14**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2747**
Prague Masters 6th (7) 05.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

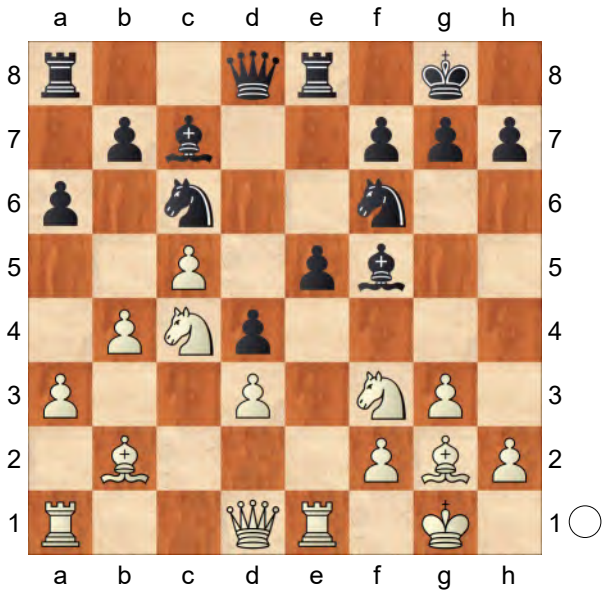
A14: English Opening: 1...e6 with b3 by White **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.0-0 Be7 5.c4N**
[5.d3
A) 5...0-0 6.Nbd2 *(6.Nc3 Nc6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5 9.h3 Be6 10.Qe2 Nd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Be3 Qc4 13.Qxc4 Bxc4 14.Rfd1 Bb4* Chapter 9: The King's Indian-The Plan With 6.Nc3*)* 6...Nc6 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 e5 9.Qe2 Bc5 10.c3 a5 11.Nc4 Qe7 12.Ne3 Bxe3 13.Qxe3 a4 14.Nh4 Be6 15.Qe2 Rfd8 16.Nf5

½-½ Campos,J (2514)-Haapala,S (2564) Los Angeles 2011 (4.1)
B) 5...b6 6.Nbd2 Bb7
B1) 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Nc6 *(8...0-0 9.Qe2 c5 10.e5 Nfd7 11.Ne4 Qc7 12.Bf4 Rd8 13.Nf6+ gxf6 14.exf6 Bd6 15.Nd4 cxd4 16.Bxb7 Bxf4 17.Bxa8 Be5 18.Qg4+ Kf8 19.Qg7+ Ke8 20.Qh8+ Nf8 21.Be4 Nbd7 22.Bxh7 Bxf6 23.Qg8* 0-1 Eduoard,R-Ruin,G FRA-Cup corr France 1975) 9.a3 a5 10.e5 Nd7 11.Re1 Nc5 12.Qe2 0-0 13.h4 h6 14.Nf1 a4 15.N1h2 Qc8 16.Ng4 Rd8 17.Nxh6+ gxh6 18.Bxh6 f5 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Ng5 Qd7 21.Qg4 Bg7 1-0 Nakamura,H (2785)-Bacrot,E (2708) Paris GCT Rapid 2017 (4);
B2) 7.Re1 Nbd7 8.c3 0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.b3 a5 11.a4 e5 12.Bb2 c5 13.e4 d4 14.Nc4 Bf8 15.h3 Ba6 16.Ncd2 Rc8 17.c4 g6 18.Rf1 Bh6 19.Rae1 Rf8 0-1 Harika,D (2539)-Tan,Z (2502) World-ch (Women) k.o. Teheran 2017 (5.9)]

5...0-0 6.b3 c5 7.e3 Nc6 8.Bb2 d4 9.exd4 cxd4 10.Re1 Re8 11.d3 Bb4 12.Nbd2 e5 13.a3 Bd6 The position is equal. **14.b4 Bf5 15.c5 Bc7 16.Nc4** Strongly threatening b4-b5. **16...a6** 0.90/17
[16...Rc8!= 0.29/18 keeps the balance.]

(Diagram)

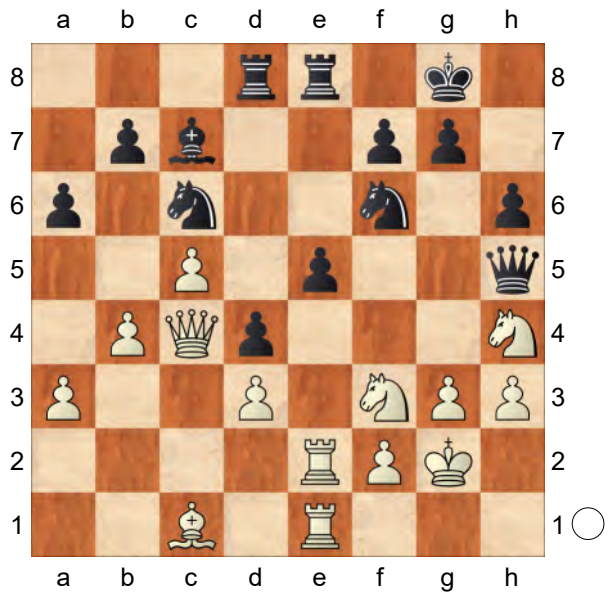
17.Qc2 -0.26/17
[17.a4!± 0.90/17]



17...Qd7 18.Rad1 Bg4 19.Rd2 Qf5 20.Nh4 Qh5 21.h3 Be6 22.Rde2 -0.47/21
[22.Bf3= -0.01/18 Qg5 23.Rde2]
22...Bd5∓ 23.Nd2 Bxg2 24.Kxg2 Nd5 25.Ndf3 -0.77/20
[25.Ne4∓ -0.41/17 is superior.]
25...Rad8 -0.41/19
[25...f6∓ -0.77/20]
26.Qc4 Nf6? 1.65/20
[26...Rf8!∓ -0.35/19]
27.Bc1+- h6? 5.01/18
[27...e4± 1.52/17 is a better chance.]

(Diagram)

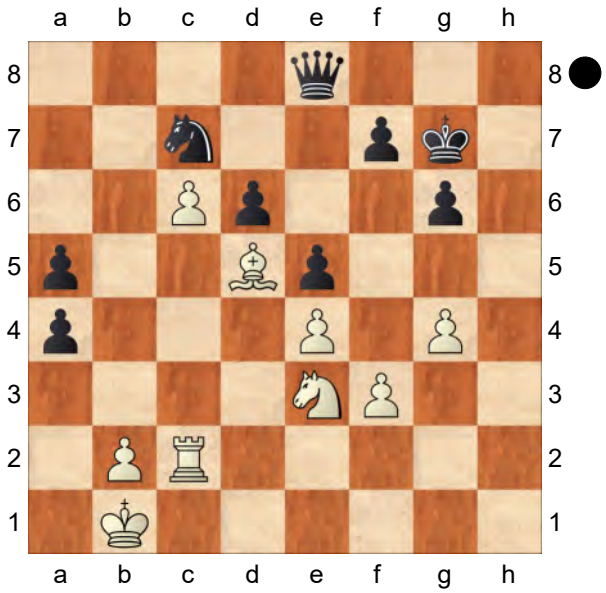
This move loses the game for Black. **28.Re4!** White is clearly winning.
28...Nxe4
[28...g5 29.g4]
29.Rxe4 g5 30.g4 Qxh4 31.Nxh4 gxh4 32.Bxh6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) /Black=0.46
1-0



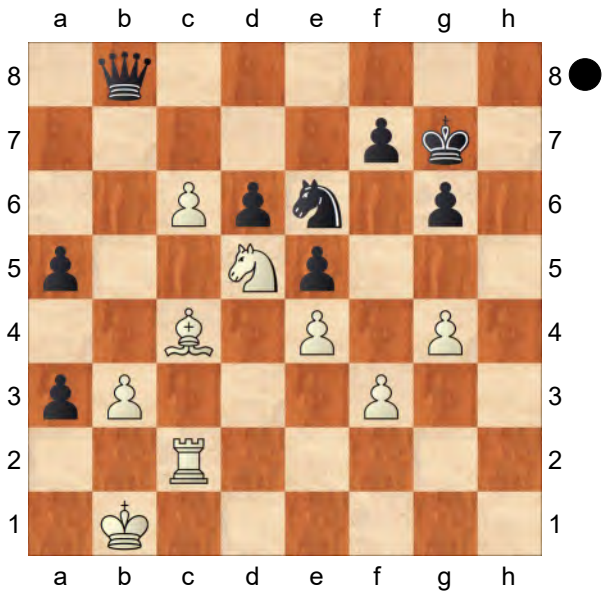
30 **B90**
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2744**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
Prague Masters 6th (8) 06.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B90: Sicilian Najdorf: Unusual White 6th moves, 6 Be3 Ng4 and 6 Be3 e5 Smirin: 'Smirin,Ilia: 'Smirin,I: 'Inf 78/245'''' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5N**
[6...e6 7.g4 Nfd7 *(7...d5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Bd2 b5 10.Bg2 Bb7 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 b4 14.Be1 Ra7 15.c3 h5 16.f4 hxg4 17.hxg4 g5 18.f5 Bd6 19.fxe6 fxe6 20.Qd3 Rh6 21.Rd1 Rah7 22.Nf3* 1-0 Smirin,I (2630)-Mista,A (2537) EU-ch 9th Plovdiv 2008 (7)*; 7...Nc6 8.g5 Nd7 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Qd2 b5 11.0-0-0 Bb7 12.Kb1 b4 13.Nce2 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 e5 15.Qd3 Nc5 16.Bxc5 Qxc5 17.f3 Be7 18.h4 h6 19.gxh6 Rxh6 20.Ng3 g6 21.h5 0-0-0 22.Qc4* ½-½ Donrault,P (2209)-Genzling,A (2033) FRA-chT2b 0304 France 2003 (11)*; 7...b5 8.Bg2 Bb7 9.a3 h6 10.f4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.g5 Rxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe4 14.g6 Ndf6 15.a4 bxa4 16.Rb1 Qc8 17.Ba3 Be7 18.Qd3 Bd5 19.Rfe1 Bc4 20.Qe3 d5 21.Bxe7 Kxe7 22.Rb8* 1-0 Smirin,I (2666)-Murey,J (2487) ISR-chT Ramat Aviv 2000 (7)*)* 8.Bg2 Be7 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Nce2 0-0 11.0-0 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc7 13.f4 b5 14.g5 Bb7 15.Qg4 Rfe8 16.Rf2 Bf8 17.Raf1 e5 18.Nf5 Re6 19.fxe5 Nxe5 20.Qg3 Rae8 21.h4 1-0 Federzoni,E (2144)-Nunes,A (1817) Caioba op 7th 2023 (3)]
7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 Be6 9.Qf3 Nbd7 White is slightly better. **10.g4 h6 11.0-0-0 Rc8 12.Nd5! Nf8 13.Bd3 Ng6** Threatens to win with ...Be6xd5. **14.Rhe1** -0.05/18
[14.Nxe7± 0.41/17 Qxe7 15.Kb1]
14...Nd7= 15.Kb1 Bg5 16.c4 0-0 17.Bf1 Nh4 18.Bxg5 hxg5
[18...Nxf3 19.Bxd8 Bxd5 *(19...Rcxd8 20.Re3±)* 20.cxd5±]
19.Qd3 Ng6 20.Ne3 Rc6 21.Qd2 b6 Dodges Nb3-a5 **22.Nd5 a5** Prevents Nd5-b4. **23.a4 Nf4 24.Re3 g6 25.Nc3 Nf6 26.f3 Kh7** -0.01/21
[26...Bxc4?! 27.Bxc4 Rxc4 28.Qxd6=]
[26...Nd7∓ -0.39/20]
27.Nd5 Kg7 28.h4 Bxd5 -0.01/22
[28...gxh4 29.Nxf4 exf4 30.Rc3±]
[28...Rc8∓ -0.43/21]
29.cxd5
[29.exd5 Rc8 30.hxg5 Nd7∓]
29...Rc8 30.hxg5 Nh7 0.78/23
[30...Nd7= 0.01/23]
31.Ba6± Rc7 32.Rc1 Rxc1+ 33.Qxc1 Nxg5 34.Qc6 -0.01/21
[34.Rc3± 0.62/19]
34...Ng2= Excellent horsemanship.

35.Rc3 Ne1 36.Nd2 Rh8 next ...Rh8-h2 is good for Black.
[36...Qf6 simplifies 37.Qxb6 Nexf3 38.Nxf3 Nxf3 39.Ka2 Nd2]
37.Re3 Rh2 38.Nf1
[38.Rxe1 simplifies Rxd2 39.Rf1 Rg2 40.Ka2]
38...Nc2! 39.Rc3
[39.Nxh2 simplifies Nxe3 40.Qc1 Ng2 41.Qh1]
39...Nb4 40.Nxh2 Nxc6 41.dxc6 aiming for c6-c7. **41...Ne6 42.Bc4 Nc7** 0.44/22
[42...Nc5∓ -0.34/21 43.g5 Nxa4 *(43...Qxg5? 44.c7+-)*]
43.Nf1± Qe8 44.Bd5 -0.01/19
[44.Bb3± 0.39/22]
44...b5= 45.Ne3 -0.83/20
[45.axb5= 0.01/21 keeps the balance. Nxb5 46.Rb3]
45...bxa4∓ 46.Rc2 -1.67/20
[46.Ka1∓ -0.87/19]



46...Qb8? -0.01/22
[46...Qh8!-+ -1.67/20 White must now prevent ...a4-a3! 47.Ka2 Qb8]
47.Bc4!= a3 48.Nd5 Ne6 49.b3 -3.59/21
[49.g5!= -0.18/19]

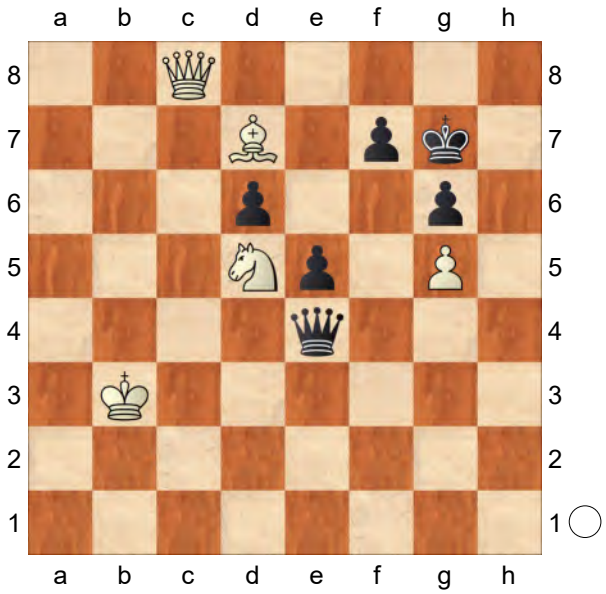


49...Nd4? -0.01/19
[49...Qa7!-+ -3.59/21 50.c7 Nxc7 51.Nxc7 Qxc7]
50.c7 Qh8 51.Rd2! Qh1+
[51...Nxf3 52.Rf2 Qh4 53.Re2∓ *(53.c8Q? Qxf2-+; 53.Rxf3 Qh2)*]
52.Ka2 Active counter play! **52...Qc1!**
53.Rh2
[53.c8R Qxd2+ 54.Kxa3 Qc1+ *(54...Nxf3? 55.Ka4-+)* 55.Ka2 Nc2 *(55...Nxf3? 56.Ba6-+; 55...Nxf3? 56.Ba6-+)*]
[53.Rg2!? a4□ *(53...Nxf3? 54.c8Q+-)* 54.g5=]
53...a4
[53...Nxf3? 54.Rg2 *(54.c8Q Nxh2; 54.Rf2 a4+-)* 54...a4 *(54...Nd2? 55.Rxd2* Deflection *Qxd2+ 56.Kxa3+-)* 55.c8Q+- *(55.c8R? Ne1-+)*]
54.g5 Nd5-f6 is the strong threat.
54...Nxf3
[54...axb3+? 55.Bxb3 Kf8 56.c8R+ *(56.Rh8+ Kg7+-)* 56...Qxc8 57.Rh8+ *(57.Kxa3? Qc5+ 58.Ka2 Qa5+* Deflection *59.Kb1 Nxb3-+)* 57...Kg7

58.Rxc8+-]
55.Rf2 Really sharp!
[55.c8R Nxh2 *(55...axb3+? 56.Bxb3 Qxc8 57.Rc2-+; 55...axb3+? 56.Kxb3 Nxh2 57.Nc7-+)*]
55...axb3+!
[55...Nxg5? 56.c8Q *(56.c8B? Nxe4 57.Rg2 Nc5-+)* 56...axb3+ 57.Kxb3 Qb1+ 58.Kxa3 Qa1+ 59.Kb3 *(59.Ba2 Qe1+-)* 59...Qb1+ 60.Ka4+-]
56.Bxb3 Nd2
[56...Nxg5? 57.Rc2 Qg1 58.c8Q+- *(58.c8N? Nxe4 59.Kxa3 f5-+)*]
57.Rxd2 Deflection **57...Qxd2+ 58.Kxa3 Qa5+?** 2.33/27
[58...Qxg5? 59.c8Q+- *(59.c8R f5=)*]
[58...Qc1+= 0.01/28 and Black is okay. 59.Kb4 Qc5+ *(59...Qxg5? 60.c8Q+-)* 60.Ka4 Kh8]
59.Ba4+- White has strong compensation. **59...Qa6**
[Don't go for 59...Qc5+? 60.Kb3+-]
60.Kb4 Qb7+ 61.Bb5? 0.01/22
[White should play 61.Kc3+- 2.64/25]
61...Kh7? 4.59/26
[61...Kf8!= 0.01/22 and Black has nothing to worry.]
62.Kc4 Strongly threatening Bb5-d7. White is clearly winning. **62...Kg7 63.Bd7** Prevents Qb7-c8. **63...Qa6+ 64.Kb3 Qb7+ 65.Kc2 Qa6 66.c8Q** Inhibits Qa6-c4+.
[66.c8R Qa2+ *(66...Qe2+ 67.Kb3=)* 67.Kc3 Qa1+ 68.Kb4 Qb2+ 69.Ka5 Qd2+ 70.Kb6 Qxg5=]
66...Qe2+ 67.Kb3 Qxe4

(Diagram)

68.Qg8+!! Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.21



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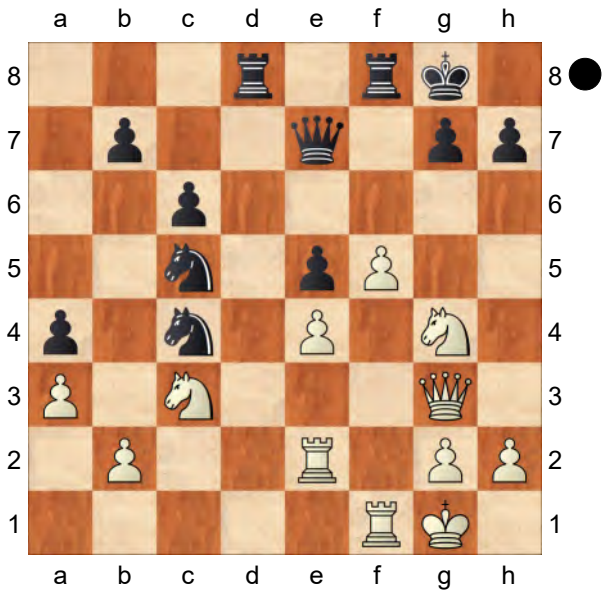
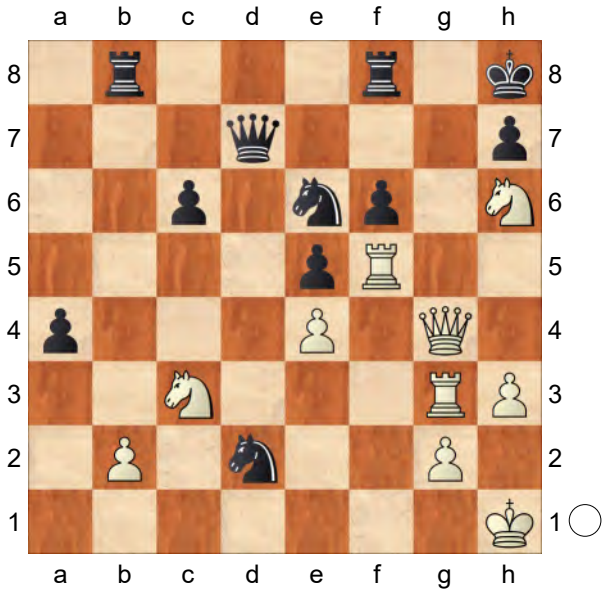
31 **D00**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu** **2747**
Prague Masters 6th (2) 28.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D00: 1 d4 d5: Unusual lines **1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4**
[2.a3 g6 3.Bf4 d6 4.e3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.h3 Nbd7 9.c4 Ne4 10.Bh2 e5 11.d5 a5 12.b3 f5 13.Nfd2 Ndc5 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Ra2 Bc8 16.f3 Nc5 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2863)-Anand,V (2753) Legends of Chess Prelim chess24.com INT rapid 2020 (2.1)]
2...d5N
[2...c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.a4 Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.0-0 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Be2 3 Benoni Setups-3...d6 Variation]
3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.Qb3 Nbd7 6.Nc3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nb6 8.Be2 The position is equal. **8...a5** ...a5-a4 is the strong

threat. **9.a3 c6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.f3** -0.90/20
[11.Nf3= 0.02/18]
11...a4∓ 12.Qd1 Nfd7 -0.16/20
[Black should play 12...h6∓ -0.86/19 13.Bh4 Nbd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 *(14...Nxd5 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.e4∓; 14...Qxd5 15.Bg3∓)*]
13.Bxe7= Qxe7 14.e4 Bg6
[14...Qg5 with more complications. 15.Kf2 Bg6 16.h4 Qa5]
15.Nh3 0-0 16.0-0 f6 17.f4 e5 18.dxe5 fxe5 19.f5 Bf7 20.Qe1 Nc5 21.Qg3 And now f5-f6 would win.
21...Bc4 ...Bc4xe2 would now be deadly.
22.Rae1 Rad8 23.Nf2 Bxe2
[23...Rd2?! 24.Bxc4+ Nxc4 25.Nxa4=]
24.Rxe2 Nc4 25.Ng4



Kh8! 26.Rf3 Rd4 27.h3 b5 -0.20/20
[27...Qg5∓ -0.71/19]
28.f6! gxf6 29.Ref2 Nd7 30.Nh6 Nd2 31.Re3 Strongly threatening Qg3-g4.
31...Qe6 32.Qh4
[32.Nf5 is more complex. Rg8 33.Qh4 Nc4 34.Rg3]
32...Nc5 33.Rf5 -0.01/19
[33.Nf5± 0.38/20 should be considered. Qf7 34.Rg3 *(34.Nxd4 exd4 35.Rxd2 dxe3=)* 34...Ndxe4 35.Nxd4 *(35.Rg7 Qxg7 36.Nxg7 Kxg7∓)* 35...Nxg3 *(35...Nxf2? 36.Nf5+-)* 36.Nxc6]
33...b4 0.94/20
[33...Qe7= -0.01/19]
34.axb4± Rxb4 35.Qg4 Hoping for Re3-g3. **35...Rbb8!**
[35...Rxb2? 36.Rg3 Rb7 37.Rxf6 Qxg4 *(37...Qxf6 38.Qg8+* Back Rank *Rxg8 39.Rxg8#)* 38.Rxf8+ *(38.Rxg4 Rbb8+-)* 38...Kg7 39.Rg8+ Skewer *(39.Rxg4+ Kxf8 40.Rg8+ Ke7∓)* 39...Kf6 40.Nxg4++- *(40.hxg4 a3+-)*]
36.Rg3 White has compensation.
36...Qd7 1.44/20 Dodges Qg4-g7+
[36...Rxb2 37.Qg7#]
[Black should try 36...Qe7± 0.47/22]
37.Kh1 0.46/19
[37.Qh4± 1.44/20 Qe6 38.Kh2 *(38.Qg4 Qe7=)*]
37...Ne6? 5.55/20
[And not 37...Rxb2 38.Qg8+ Rxg8 39.Rxg8#]
[37...Qe7± 0.46/19]



38.Rxf6!! Back Rank. Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.36
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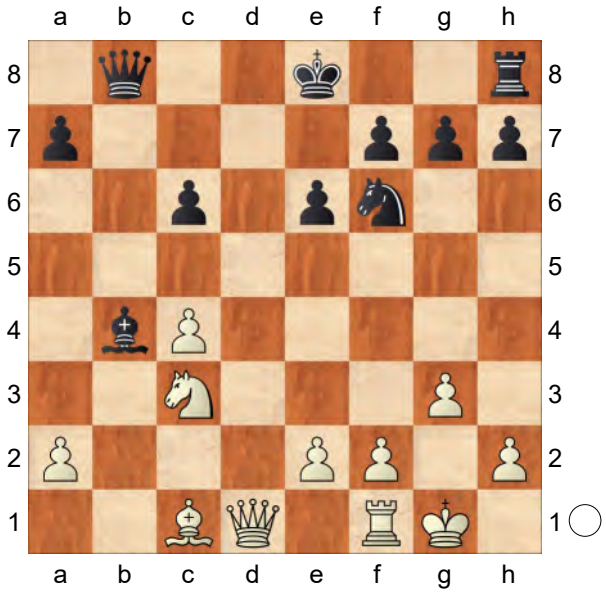
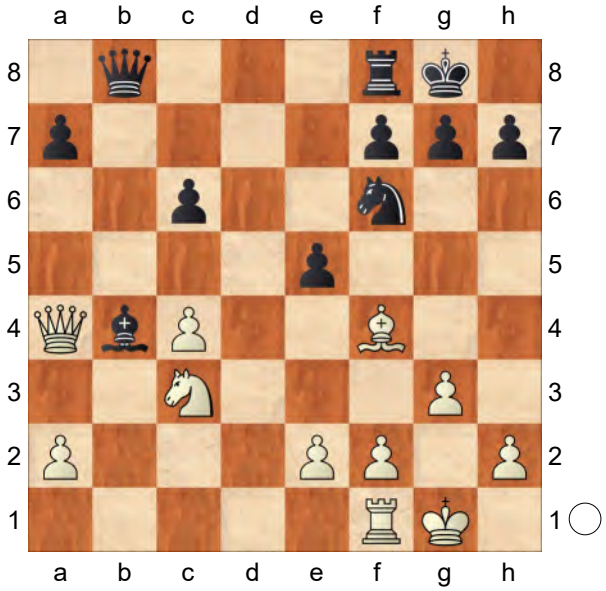
32 **A05**
□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2738**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
6th Prague Masters 2024 (3.5) 29.02.24
[David Cummings,MH]

A05: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 Nf6 **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b5** The extended fianchetto is a fairly rare choice in high-level classical games. **3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0-0** White can also try and take advantage of Black's early queenside expansion with:
[4.Na3 and now a6 5.c4 b4 6.Nc2 e6 7.d4 which is analyzed in Firat-Alekseenko in the Archives.]
4...e6 5.b3 White continues with quiet development. Another approach is:
[5.d3 Be7 6.e4 d6 7.Nd4 which is the subject of Yilmazyerli-Sanal, in the Archives.]
5...c5 Black fights for central squares. Instead, accepting a more cramped setup gives White more scope, for example:
[5...Be7 6.c4 a6 7.Nc3 b4 8.Na4 0-0 9.Bb2 d6 10.d4 Nbd7 Artemiev,V (2700)-Maghsoodloo,P (2701) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (92), and now 11.d5 exd5 12.Nh4 gives White a good version of a Queen's Indian style position.]
6.c4 bxc4 7.bxc4 Nc6N Another game continued:
[7...Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.Rb1 Bc6 10.Re1 *(10.d3 Na6 11.Bf4 d6 12.a3 Rb8 13.Bd2 Qd7 14.Qc2 Rb6 15.Rxb6 axb6 16.Rb1 Rb8 17.Ne1 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 d5 19.Nf3 d4 20.Na4 Qc6 21.Qb3 Nc7 22.Bf4 Bd6 23.Bg5 Nd7 24.e4 dxe3 0-1 8.Nxd7 (2314)-Krivoruchenko,S (2420) (m/1) 100/177 Elista 2007 (11))* 10...d6 *(10...Ne4* is a better equalizing attempt. *)* 11.e4! Na6?! 0.98/21 *(11...e5±* 0.38/24*; 11...Nbd7 12.d4 Nb6 13.d5 exd5 14.cxd5 Bb7 15.a4 Rb8 16.a5 Nc4 17.Qa4 Ba6 18.Bf1 Qd7 19.Qa2 Rxb1 20.Nxb1 Qb7 21.Bxc4 Bxc4 22.Qxc4 Qxb1 23.e5 dxe5 24.Nxe5 Bd6 25.Nc6 Qf5 26.Bf4* 1-0 Pantsulaia,L (2563)-Batsuren,D (2409) Wch Blitz Almaty 2022 (6) *)* 12.d4± cxd4 13.Nxd4 Bd7 14.Ndb5 e5 15.Be3 Nc5 16.Qd2 Be6 17.Red1 Bxc4 18.Nxd6 Bd3? 2.85/27 *(18...Qxd6±* 0.74/24 *19.Qxd6 Bxd6)* 19.Bxc5 and White won in Pantsulaia,L (2564)-Firouzja,A (2786) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (37) Bxb1 20.Rxb1 Qc7 21.Nd5 Qxc5 22.Nxe7+ Kh8 23.Rc1 Qa3 24.Rc7 Rab8 25.Bf1 h6 26.Nc6 Rb1 27.Nxe5 Kg8 28.Kg2 Rb2 29.Qd4 Rb1 30.Bc4 Kh7 31.Nexf7 Qc1 32.e5 Qh1+ 33.Kh3 Rg1 34.Qd3+ 1-0 Pantsulaia,L (2564)-Firouzja,A (2786) Aimchess Play In op Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (7)]
8.Nc3 White is slightly better. **8...Rb8 9.Rb1 Ba8** The first new move, aiming for simplifications and avoiding potential tactics on the long diagonal. Instead:
[9...Be7 0.93/25 9...Bb7-a8 0.46 Grunberg, M (2389)-Bellia,F (2433) Stockholm 2017 1-0 (53), and now 10.d4! puts Black under pressure, for example *(10.d3 0-0 11.Qa4 Ba8 12.Ba3 Rb6 13.Rxb6 axb6 14.Rb1 d6 15.Bc1 Na5 16.Nb5 Qd7 17.Qc2 Bc6 18.e4 Re8 19.Bf4 Ba8 20.Nc3*

Nc6 21.a3 Qc7 22.Qe2 Nd7 23.Nb5 Qb8 24.h4 Bb7 0-1 Mariotti,S (2495)-Ljubojevic,L (2615) Milan IT 1975 (4)*)*
10...Nxd4?! 1.72/24 allows *(10...cxd4± 0.88/21 11.Nxd4 Ba8)*
11.Bf4!+- d6 12.Nxd4 Bxg2 13.Qa4+ Nd7 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Kxg2 and White is on top.]
10.Rxb8 Qxb8 11.d4 Opening the position. Meanwhile
[11.d3 Be7 12.Bf4 d6 13.Qa4 leaves White with a slightly more active position.]
11...cxd4 12.Nxd4 Bb4 13.Nxc6 Bxc6 14.Bxc6 dxc6



15.Qa4!? -0.32/21 White seeks a tactical solution, although this leads to an unclear position with best play. **15...0-0** 0.29/19 The critical line is:
[15...Bxc3 16.Qxc6+ Ke7 And now ...Bc3-b4 would win. 17.Ba3+! Bb4 and now a sample line runs 18.Bxb4+ *(18.Rb1 Bxa3 19.Rb7+ Qxb7! 20.Qxb7+ Nd7* leaves Black playing for two results*)* 18...Qxb4 19.Qc7+ Kf8 Hoping for ... g7-g6. 20.Rd1 g5 21.Rd8+! Kg7 22.Rxh8 Kxh8 23.Qxf7 when a draw is the likely outcome.]
[Black should try 15...Bxc3∓ -0.32/21 16.Qxc6+ Ke7 17.Ba3+ Bb4]
16.Bf4= White now wins a pawn. **16...e5**
[16...Bd6 17.Rb1 Qc7 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Qxa7 gives White the long-term asset of an outside passed pawn.]

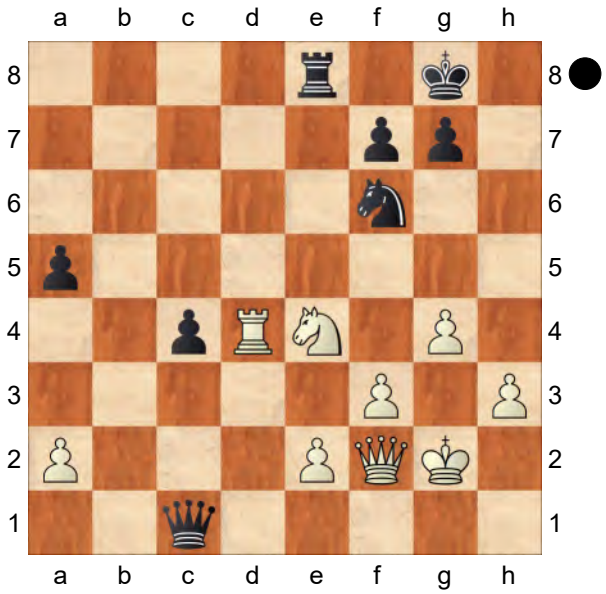


Black surrenders the e-pawn, since: **17.Bxe5** Deflection **17...Qxe5 18.Qxb4 h5** Black's centralized queen and kingside counterplay provides compensation for the pawn. **19.Rd1 a5 20.Qb2 h4** Black also had: **21.Qd2**
[21.gxh4? Ng4 22.Kf1 Qxh2-+]
21...Qh5?! 1.27/21 Black drifts into a position where White's extra pawn starts to count.
[21...Ne4 22.Nxe4 Qxe4 23.Qd3 Re8 with excellent drawing chances.]
[21...Ne4= 0.26/21 keeps the balance. 22.Qe3 Qxc3 23.Qxe4 h3]
22.f3± Re8 23.g4 0.91/24
[23.Kg2 was more circumspect.]
[⌓23.Kg2 1.31/23]
23...Qc5+ 24.Qd4 Qg5 25.h3?! 0.47/20 Weakening the dark squares.

[Better is 25.Kg2± 0.92/21]
25...c5± 26.Qf2 Qe5?! 1.15/25
[26...Qf4 saves a tempo over the game, and hits the c4-pawn.]
[26...Qf4± 0.60/19]
27.Rd3± Qf4 1.51/24
[⌓27...Nd7 1.14/21]
28.Qxh4 Qxc4 29.Qf2 White's two-pawn kingside majority should yield a clear advantage. **29...Qf4 30.Kg2**
[But not 30.Qxc5 Qg3+ 31.Kf1 Qxh3+ 32.Kf2 Nh7±]
30...c4 31.Rd4 0.00/21 Giving Black a lifeline.
[31.Rd1! leaves Black without counterplay, so that White can start rolling the kingside pawns forward.]
[White has to play 31.Rd1!+- 1.80/27]
31...Qc1!= Suddenly Black is right back on terms. **32.Ne4** -0.87/25
[32.Rxc4 aiming for Qf2-d4. Nd5 33.Re4 Ne3+ 34.Kg3 Nf1+ leads to a draw by repetition]
[32.Rxc4= 0.00/21 remains equal. Nd5 Pin 33.Re4 *(33.Nxd5 Qxc4 34.e4 Rb8-+)* 33...Ne3+ 34.Kh2 Nf1+ 35.Kg2 Rxe4 *(35...Ne3+ 36.Kh2=)* 36.Nxe4 Ne3+ 37.Kh2]

(Diagram)

32...Nxe4 -0.05/21 Black could even push for more with:
[32...c3!]
[Black should play 32...c3!∓ -0.87/25 ...c3-c2 is the strong threat. 33.Rd6 *(33.Nxf6+? gxf6 34.Rc4 Qd1-+)* 33...Nxe4 34.fxe4 Qb1]
33.fxe4 Qb2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
[33...Qb2 34.Rxc4 Qxa2 35.Rc7



is a level endgame.]
½-½

33 **E20**
□ **Yakubboev,Nodirbek** **2634**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
Tashkent UzChess Masters (4) 09.06.24
[Kitty Kat]

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3 Inf 103/(30) Moehring,G: 'Inf 39/(70)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Be7N**
[3...c5 4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qb6 6.Bg2 Bc5 7.e3 Nc6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.exd4 Bxd4 10.Nc3 e5 11.Nb5 Bc5 12.Qe1 0-0 13.b4 Bd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Bg5 d6 16.Rd1 Qxc4 17.Rxd6 Be6 18.Qxe5 ½-½ Atabayev, Y (2539)-7. ♘bd2 ♗f6 (2522) EU/FSM. 50 corr ICCF 1992 (6)]
[3...a6 4.Nc3 c5 5.g3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qc7 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 *(9.Be3 Qxc4 10.Rc1 Qb4 11.Na4 d5 12.Nb6 Qxb6 13.Nf5 Qxb2 14.Nxe7+ Kh8 15.Nxc8 Nbd7 16.Nb6 Nxb6 17.Rb1 Qxa2 18.Rxb6 Rac8 19.Rxb7 Rc2 20.Qd4 Rc4*

21.Qa7 Kg8 22.Bc5 Rc8 23.Rc7 Re8 Vovk,Y (2557)-Olszewski,M (2409) Grodzisk Mazowiecki 103/(30) 2007 *)* 9...d6 10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nh5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Na4 Bd7 14.Nb6 Rad8 15.Qd2 Be8 16.Qa5 Kh8 17.f4 Ng4 18.Bd2 1-0 Dautov,R (2615)-Lutz,C (2555) 66/458 Nussloch 1996]

4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e5 Ne4 8.Bd3 White is slightly better. **8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 c5 10.Qc2!?N** White is more active. An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 10.0-0 Nc6 11.h3 h6 1.58/22 *(11...c4± 0.54/23 12.Bc2 f5)* 12.Bc2± aiming for Bc1xh6! f5 1.40/22 *(⌓12...cxd4 0.96/23 13.cxd4 f5)* 13.dxc5 0.97/22 *(White should try 13.exf6 1.40/22 Rxf6 14.dxc5)* 13...Be6 1.82/21 *(13...Bxc5± 0.97/22 might work better. 14.Rb1 Re8)* 14.Nd4+- Qd7 2.30/22 *(⌓14...Nxd4 1.83/19 15.cxd4 b6)* 15.Bb3 1.19/21 *(15.Ba3+- 2.30/22)* 15...Rad8± 16.Qf3 0.35/23 *(16.Ba3± 1.27/22)* 16...Bxc5 0-1 Leitao,R (2592)-Demin,V (2430) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Sept Chess.com INT blitz 2021 (7)]

10...h6 11.Qd1 Nc6 12.0-0 Qa5 13.Bd2 cxd4 14.cxd4 Bb4 1.16/22

[⌓14...Qa3 0.72/21 15.Be3 Be6]

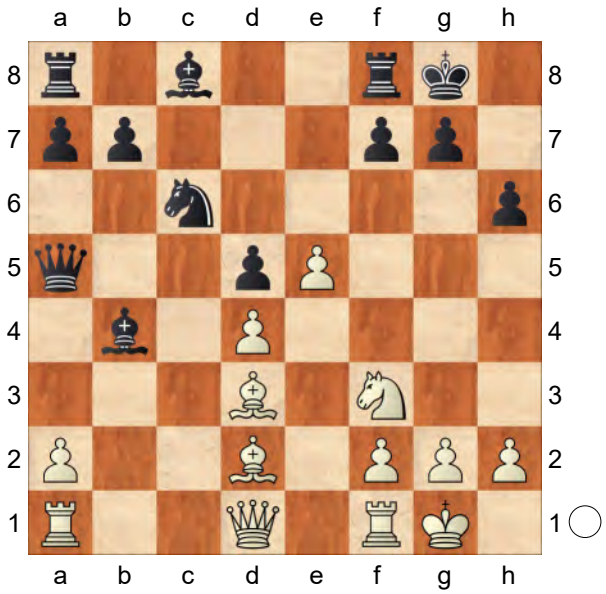
(Diagram)

15.Be3!± f6 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Ne5 Prevents Bc8-g4. **17...Ne7** 2.23/20 This move loses the game for Black.

[17...Bf5± 1.00/21]

18.g4+- Bd6 19.f4 Rf8 20.f5 Nc6 3.41/20

[⌓20...Qa3 2.31/19 21.Qd2 Nc6]



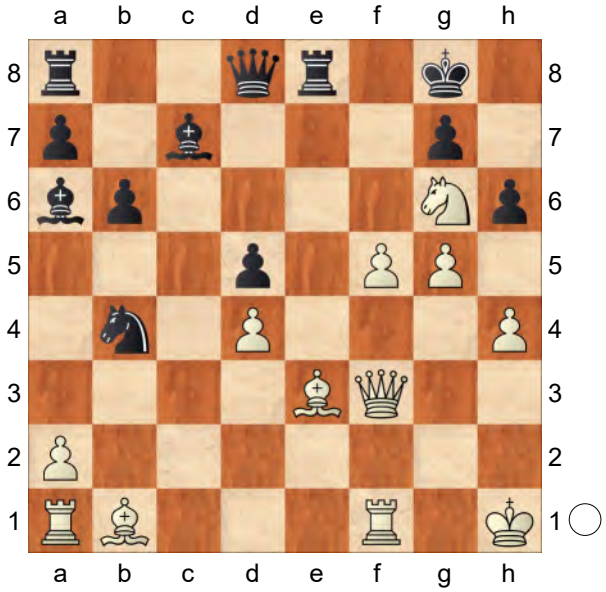
21.Ng6 Re8 22.Qf3 Qd8 Prevents f5-f6 **23.h4**

[23.Qxd5+ Be6 24.Qf3 *(24.fxe6? perishes. Bxh2+ Discovered Attack 25.Kxh2 Qxd5-+)* 24...Bf7±]

23...Bc7 24.Kh1 Nb4 25.Bb1 b6? 6.27/20

[25...Nc6 3.90/20 26.g5 Rxe3 27.Qxe3 Qd7 28.gxh6 Bd6 29.hxg7 b6]

26.g5 And now f5-f6 would win. **26...Ba6**



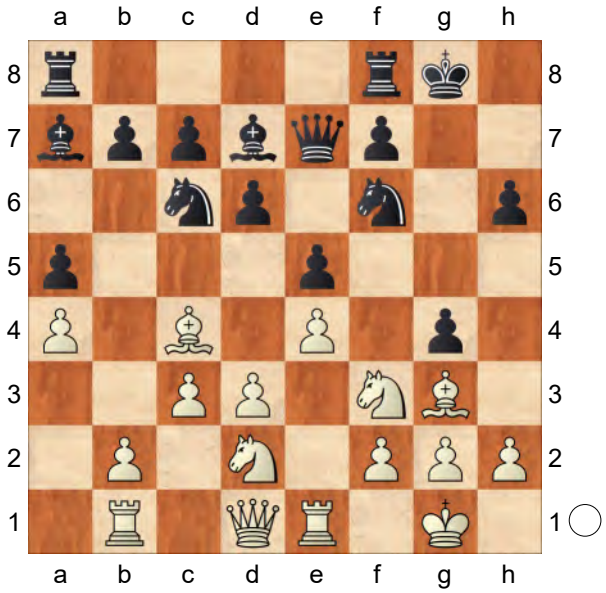
27.f6! gxf6 28.gxf6 Threatening mate with f6-f7+. **28...Bxf1 29.f7+ Kg7**

30.fxe8N+ Qxe8 31.Nf4 Against Bf1-d3. White wants to mate with Nf4-h5+. **31...Kh8 32.Bg6 Qe7** 7.15/21
[⌓32...Bd3 4.33/20]
33.Qh5 Kg7 34.Ne6+ Qxe6 35.Qxh6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.65
1-0

34 **C54**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
■ **Ding,Liren** **2780**
86th Tata Steel Masters (5.7) 18.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.c3 d6 6.a4 a5** Against b2-b4 **7.Bg5N**
[7.0-0 0-0 *(7...h6 8.Be3 Bxe3 9.fxe3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Bb3 Ng6 12.Qe2 Re8 13.Rad1 c6 14.Qf2 Be6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.h3 Qb6 17.Nc4 Qc7 18.Rfe1 Rd8 19.Nh4 b5 20.axb5 cxb5 21.Nd2 Nxh4 22.Qxh4* 5.dc5 Bc5 6.Bf4 (2612)-Kauschmann,H (2665) Rinteln op30` 2017 CBM 21 ext [Dragan Solak] 0-1 (56)*)* 8.h3 *(8.Na3 Ne7 9.Bg5 Ng6 10.Nh4 Bg4 11.Qc1 Nxh4 12.Bxh4 h6 13.Kh1 Be2 14.Re1 Ng4 15.Bg3 Bxf2 16.Rxe2 Bxg3 17.hxg3 Qf6 18.Qf1 Qg5 19.Qf5 g6 20.Qxg5 hxg5 21.Nc2 Kg7 22.Ne3 Rh8+* 15.h4 h6 16.g4 Qc7 17.g5 (2183)-Ladron de Guevara Pinto, P (2425) Zadar 2023 CBM 79_02 [John Watson] 0-1 (55)*)* 8...h6 9.Bb3 Be6 10.Be3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 d5 12.exd5 Bxd5 13.d4 exd4 14.exd4 Qd6 15.Nbd2 Rae8 16.Re1 b6 1 Chapter 53-Game 1 Game -]

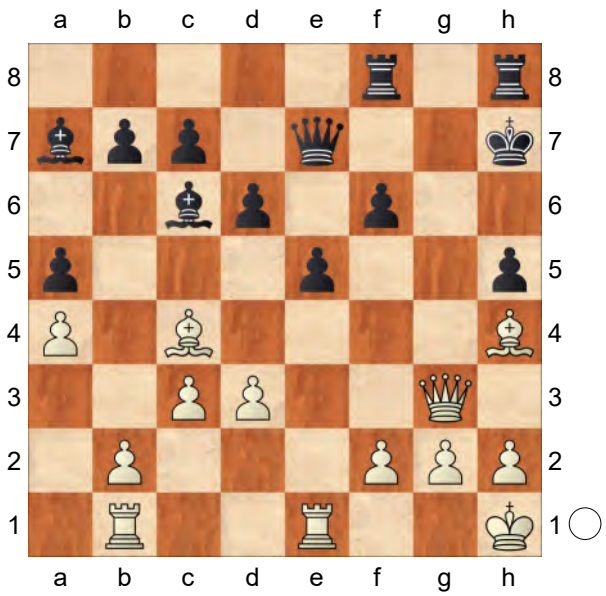
7...h6 8.Bh4 Qe7 0.19/18
[⌓8...g5 -0.17/18 9.Bg3 0-0]
9.0-0= Ba7 10.Nbd2 Bd7 11.Rb1 g5 12.Bg3 0-0 13.Re1 g4



14.Bh4! gxf3 15.Qxf3 Kg7 16.Nf1! White has compensation. **16...Rh8**
[Weaker is 16...Be6 17.Ng3 Bg4 18.Bxf6+ Qxf6 19.Qxg4+ Kh8 20.Qf5±]
17.Ne3 Raf8 18.Kh1 aiming for Ne3-f5+. **18...h5 19.Qg3+ Kh7** Hoping for ... Ba7xe3. **20.Nd5** &Bianco is more active. **20...Nxd5 21.exd5 f6 22.dxc6 Bxc6** 0.77/22
[22...bxc6= 0.28/22 should be considered. 23.d4 Qg7]

(Diagram)

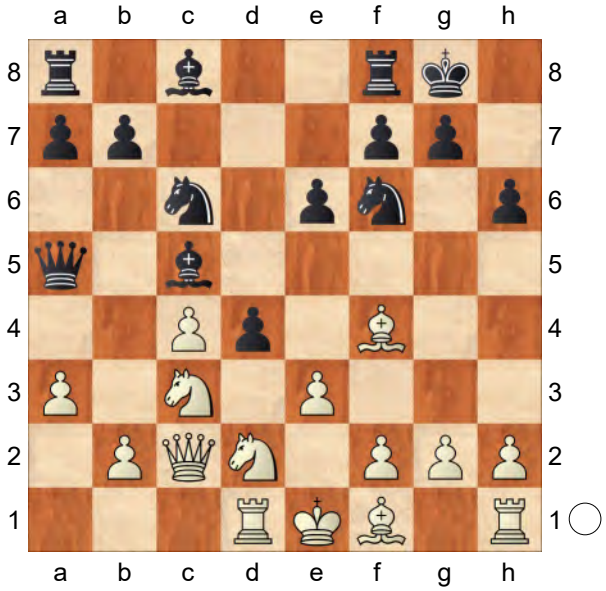
23.d4 -0.01/21
[23.Qh3!± 0.77/22]
23...Qg7 The position is equal. **24.Bd3+ Kg8 25.Re3⇄** Strongly threatening Qg3-h3. White is not holding back **25...exd4 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7 27.Rg3+ Kf7** ...d4xc3 is the strong threat. **28.Rg6 Rhg8 29.Rxf6+ Kg7 30.Rg6+ Kf7**



31.Rf6+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.11 (very precise)
½-½

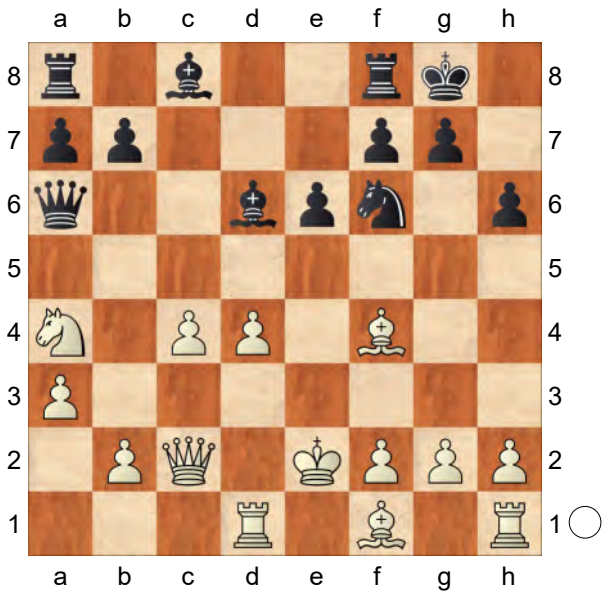
35 **D37**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
■ **Vidit,S.** **2742**
86th Tata Steel Masters (11) 26.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 1:47 **d5** 18 **2.Nf3** 2:53 **Nf6** 54 **3.c4** 39 **e6** 1:04 **4.Nc3** 25 **Be7** 41 **5.Bf4** 1:55 **0-0** 25 **6.a3** 6:03 **c5** 1:57 **7.dxc5** 57 **Bxc5** 41 **8.e3** 2:35 **Nc6** 39 **9.Qc2** 1:06 **Qa5** 54 **10.Rd1** 2:47 **h6** 43 **11.Nd2** 0.16/21 15:10 Threatens to win with cxd5.
[11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bd3 *(12.b4? Ncxb4 13.Qa4 Nc2+ 14.Qxc2 Nxc3-+)* 12...Nxc3 13.bxc3 f6=]
[11.b4 Nxb4! 12.Qa4 *(12.axb4 Bxb4 13.Rc1 Ne4∓)* 12...Nc6 13.Qxa5 Nxa5 14.cxd5 Bxa3∓]
[11.Be2± 0.61/21 Ne4 *(11...dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nh5 13.b4 Nxb4 14.axb4 Qxb4 15.Ne5 Nxf4 16.exf4 f6 17.Rb1 Qa5 18.Rb5 Qa1+ 19.Nd1 Bb6 20.Ng6 Ba5+ 21.Ke2 Rd8 22.Bd3 Bd7 23.Rxb7 Bb6 24.Bc4 Bc8 25.Rf1 Rd6 26.Ne3* Prraneeth,V (2515) -Aradhya,G (2371) Stockholm SWE 2024 1-0 (41)*)* 12.cxd5 ½-½ (12) Vidit,S (2723)-Caruana,F (2781) Chess.com INT 2022]
11...d4= 23

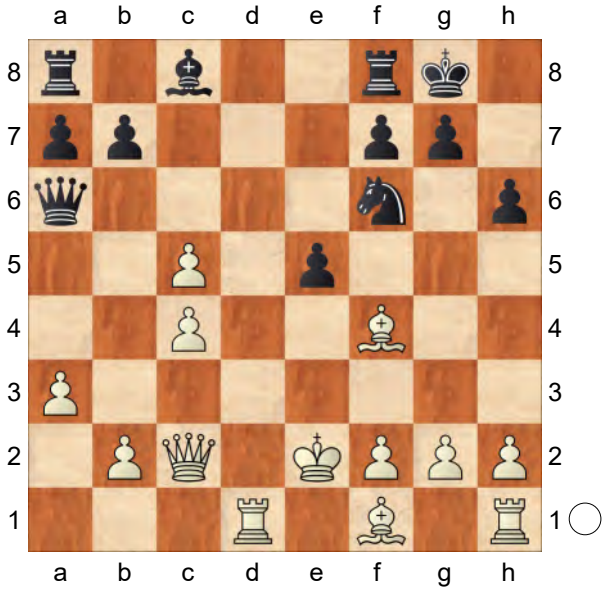


12.Nb3! 2:04 **Qb6** 10 White is slightly better. **13.Na4N** 14:36
[13.Nxc5 simplifies Qxc5 14.b4 Qe7 15.exd4 a5 16.c5 axb4 17.axb4 Nxb4 18.Qb2 Nfd5 19.Bd6 Qh4 20.g3 Qf6 21.Bg2 Rd8 22.0-0 Nxc3 23.Qxc3 Nd5 24.Qb2 b5 25.Rfe1 Bd7 26.Be5 Qg6 27.Be4 Qh5 Sargsyan,S (2654)-Divya,D (2400) Astana 2023 1-0 (62)]
[13.exd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Nb5 e5 16.Nxd4 exf4 17.Be2 Rd8 18.Nb5 Rxd1+ 19.Qxd1 Bd7 20.0-0 Bxb5 21.cxb5 Rd8 22.Qc2 g5 23.h3 Kg7 24.a4 Rd4 25.Bf3 Qa5 26.b3 b6 27.Qc7 Rd7 Paragua,M (2529)-Korley,K (2441) Philadelphia 2021 ½-½ (51)]
13...Bb4+! 24 **14.Ke2** 6:14

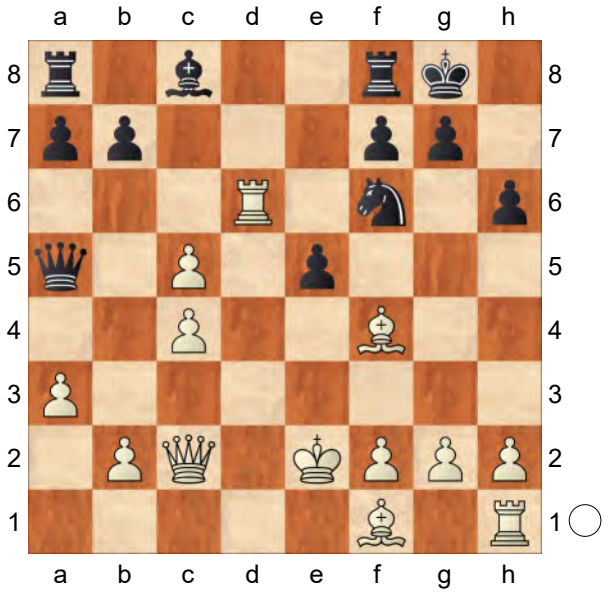
[14.axb4 Qxb4+ 15.Nd2 e5±]
14...Qa6 18 **15.Nxd4** 5:21
[15.axb4 Qxa4 16.Ra1 Qxb4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4+ 18.exd4 b5∓]
15...Nxd4+ 22 **16.exd4** 6:02 **Bd6** 2:46



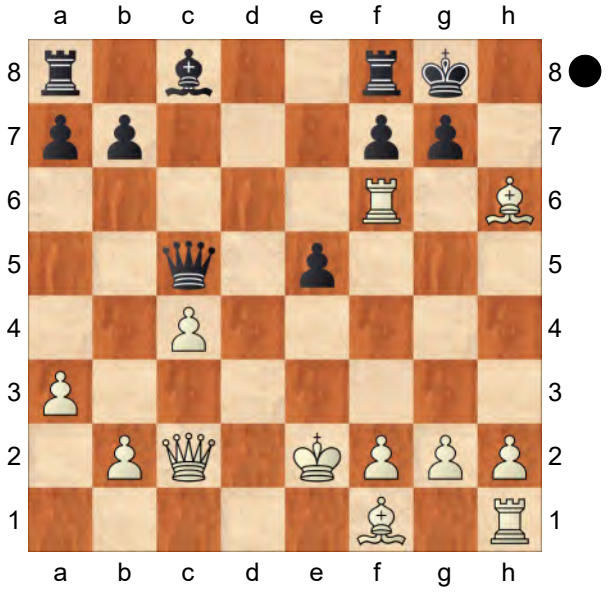
17.Nc5! 9:40 **Bxc5** 24:43 **18.dxc5** 10 **e5!⇄** 16



Black is not keeping still **19.Rd6!** 2:57
[19.Bxe5? loses. Re8 20.f4 *(20.Qc3? Bf5-+)* 20...Bg4+ 21.Ke1 Bxd1 22.Kxd1 Ng4-+]
19...Qa5 0.43/23 16:09
[19...b6= 0.01/20 20.Be3 *(20.Bxe5 Re8∓; 20.Bxh6 Ne8∓)* 20...Be6]



20.Bxh6! -0.45/23 8:55 **Qxc5∓** 28:12 '∓!'
21.Rxf6 7 Black keeps a firm grip on the game.



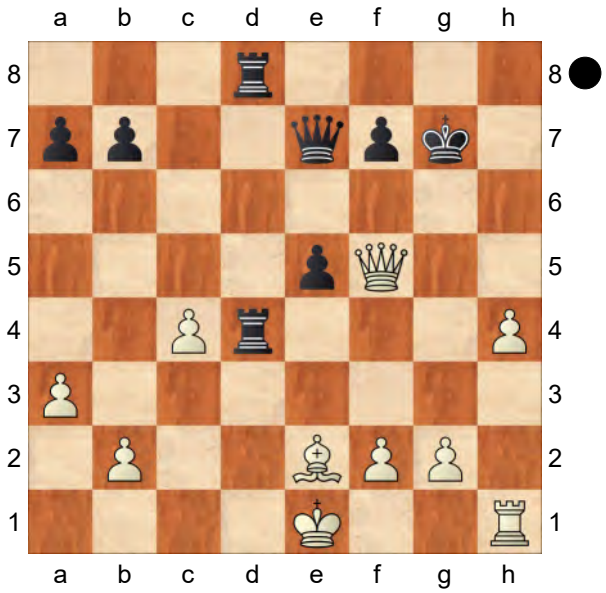
And now Be3 would win. **21...Qe7!** 28
22.Bxg7 11:30 **Kxg7** 3:43 **23.Rf5** 1:47
Black keeps a firm grip on the game.
23...Rd8 7:17 **24.h4** -1.21/22 36
[24.g3∓ -0.67/22]
24...Bxf5∓ 1:23 '-+' **25.Qxf5** 3 **Rd4** 2:49
Strongly threatening ...Ra8-d8. **26.Ke1** -2.42/22 6:19

[26.g3∓ -1.25/22]

26...Rad8-+ 1:10 White must now prevent ...Qe7-d6. Black has strong compensation. Strongly threatening ... Qd6! Black has strong compensation.

[Weaker is 26...Rxh4 27.Rxh4 Qxh4 28.Qxe5+ Kg8 29.g3=]

27.Be2 2



Qd6 2:55 '!'

[Inferior is 27...Rxh4 28.Rxh4 Qxh4 29.Qxe5+ Qf6 *(29...Kf8 30.Qc5+ Kg8 31.Qh5∓)* 30.Qxf6+ Kxf6 31.Bf3∓]

28.Qg5+ 1:04

(Diagram)

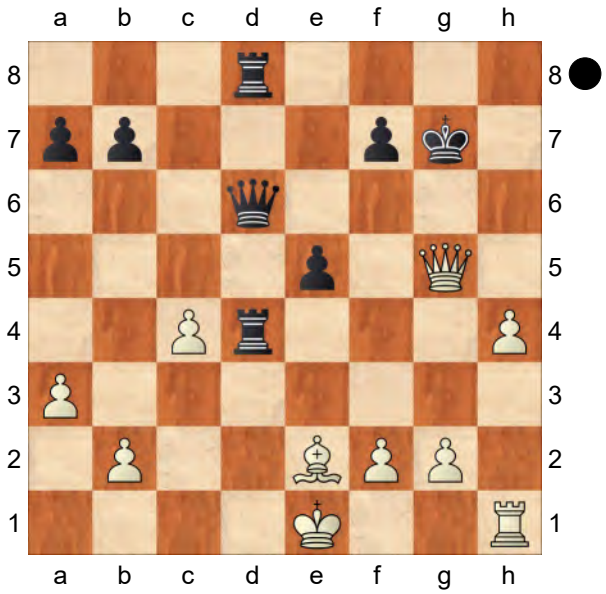
Kf8! 15 **29.Qc1** 23 Against Rd4-d1+ Inhibits Rd1+. **29...Qg6** 6:34 '⟶' Black wants a kill. **30.g3** -7.78/25 51

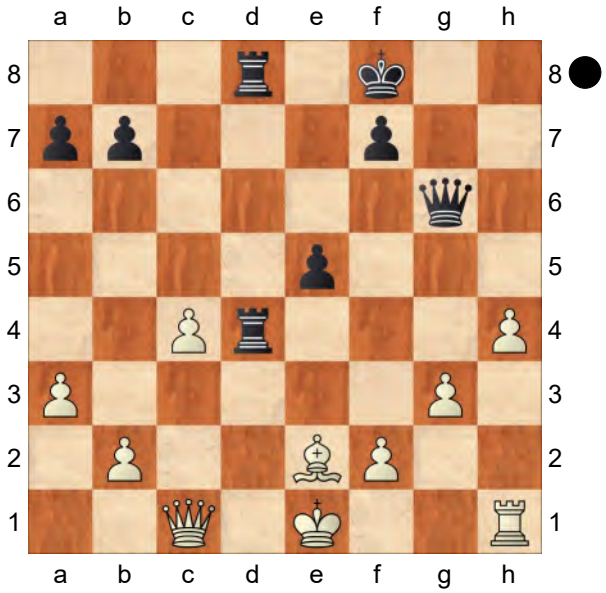
[30.Bf3 -2.13/23]

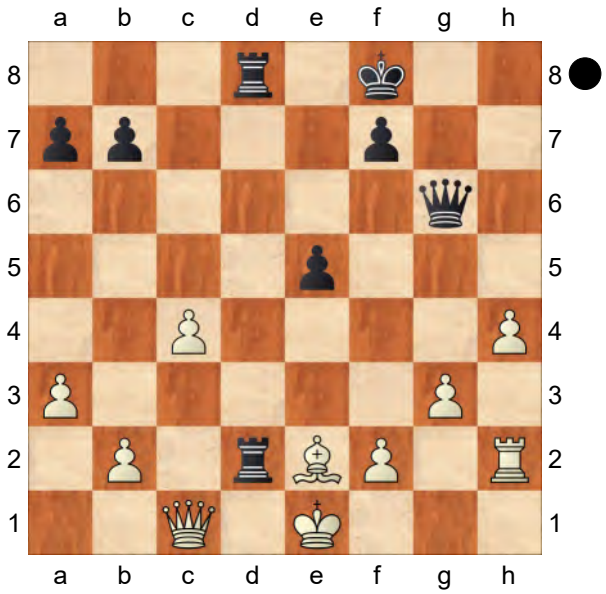
(Diagram)

30...Rd2 1:05 '!' **31.Rh2** 28

[31.Qxd2 Qb1+]





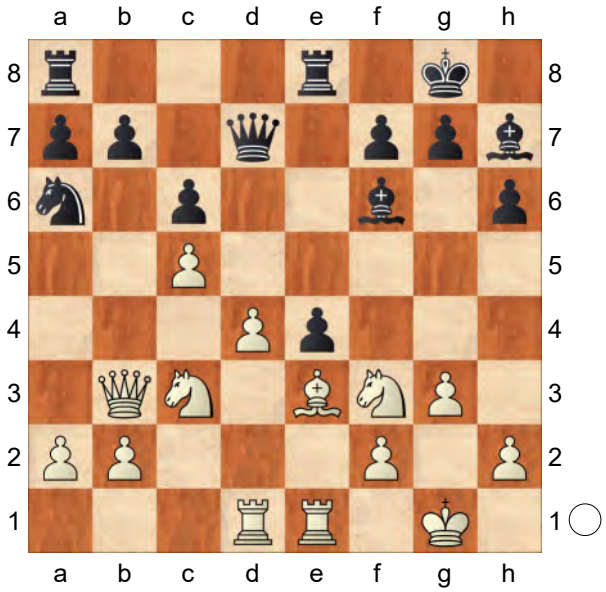


31...Rc2 -3.71/25 3:18
[⩲31...Rxe2+! -7.73/26 32.Kxe2 Qd3+ 33.Ke1 Rd4]
32.Qe3 15 **Rxb2** 1:13 **33.Kf1** 2 **Rdd2** 40 **34.Qc5+?** -6.14/25 1:01
[34.Bf3 -3.79/23]
34...Kg8 19 (→ ...Qg6-e4) (→ ...Qe4)
35.Qc8+ 43 **Kg7** 15 **36.h5** 17 **Qb1+** 17
37.Kg2 4 **Rxe2** 1:15 Weighted Error Value: White=0.94/Black=0.15 (very precise) Weighted Error Value: White=0.87/Black=0.50. Mistake: White=3 --- Inaccurate: White=4 Black=1 OK: White=3 Black=11 Best: White=4 Black=2 Strong: --- Black=4 Brilliant: --- Black=1
0-1

36 **C42**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2769**
86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (7.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4** 46 **e5** 19 **2.Nf3** 7 **Nf6** 6 **3.Nxe5** 5 **d6** 8 **4.Nf3** 10 **Nxe4** 7 **5.d4** 12 **d5** 9 **6.Bd3** 23 **Bd6** 27 **7.0-0!** 3 **0-0** 7 **8.c4** 16 **c6** 6 **9.Re1** 6 **Bf5** 17 **10.Qb3** 35 **Qd7** 0.65/20 1:01
[10...Na6= 0.27/23 might be stronger.]
11.c5 0.28/21 46
[Better is 11.Nc3± Nxc3 12.Bxf5 Qxf5 13.bxc3 b6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Qb5 Qd7 16.Rb1 Rc8 17.g3 Bf8 18.Bd2 Nc6 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Rd8 21.Qxd7 Rxd7 22.Rb5 Rad8 23.a4 Be7 24.a5 bxa5 25.Rxa5 f6 26.Re6 4.d4 Nf6 5. Bc4 (2795)-Deslandes,P (2808) Wolfstein 2017 Morphy's Games of Chess [BCM lvi (Aug 1936) p. 417] ½-½ (51)]
[11.Nc3± 0.65/20]
11...Bc7= 15 **12.Nc3** 0.01/22 8:34
[12.g3=]
[12.g3± 0.33/19 was preferrable.]
[12.Nbd2 Re8 13.Nh4 Be6 14.Qc2 Na6 15.a3 Bg4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Rxe4 Rxe4 18.Bxe4 Qxd4 19.Be3 Qf6 20.Nf3 Bxf3 21.Bxf3 Rd8 22.Be2 Bf4 23.Bxf4 Qxf4 24.Rd1 Rxd1+ 25.Qxd1 g6 26.g3 Qe5 Predein,V (2578)-7.Bb3 b5 8.a4 (2596) Cap d'Agde 2023 CT-2292 [John Watson] ½-½ (58)]
12...Re8N 1:01
[12...Nxc5!? 13.Bxf5 Nxb3 14.Bxd7 Nxa1=]
[12...Nxc5!? 13.Bxf5 Nxb3 14.Bxd7 Nxa1∓]
[12...Be6 13.Qc2 f5 14.Ne2 Qe7 15.Bf4 Bxf4 16.Nxf4 Nd7 17.Bf1 Bf7 18.Nd3 Qf6 19.Nfe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Rfe8 21.f3 Ng5 22.Bd3 Ne6 23.Bxf5 Nxd4 24.Bxh7+ Kh8 25.Nxf7+ Qxf7 26.Qg6 Rf8 27.Re5 Laurent,F (2560)-6.Bg2 Be7 (2312) Merida 2022 MAINB (21) [John Watson] 1-0 (35)]
13.Be3 4:06 **h6** 10:55 **14.Nh4** 6:52 **Bh7**

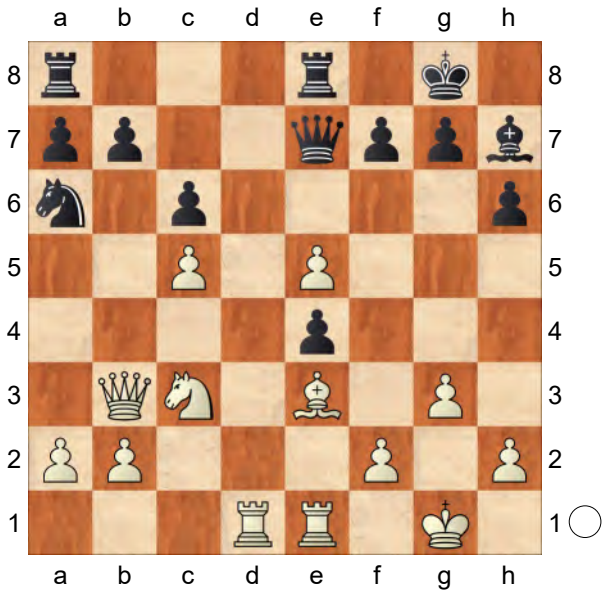
2:18 **15.g3** 4:08
[15.Qxb7? -7.38/22 15.g2-g3 0.35 too greedy. Bxh2+ Discovered Attack 16.Kxh2 Qxb7-+]
15...Bd8 1:14 **16.Nf3** 0 **Bf6!** 1:13 **17.Rad1** 3:08 **Na6** 2:53 **18.Bxe4** 10:29 **dxe4** 3:18
[18...Bxe4!? 19.Nxe4 -0.01/25 *(19.Ne5± 0.35/26 deserves consideration. Rxe5 20.dxe5)* 19...Rxe4=]



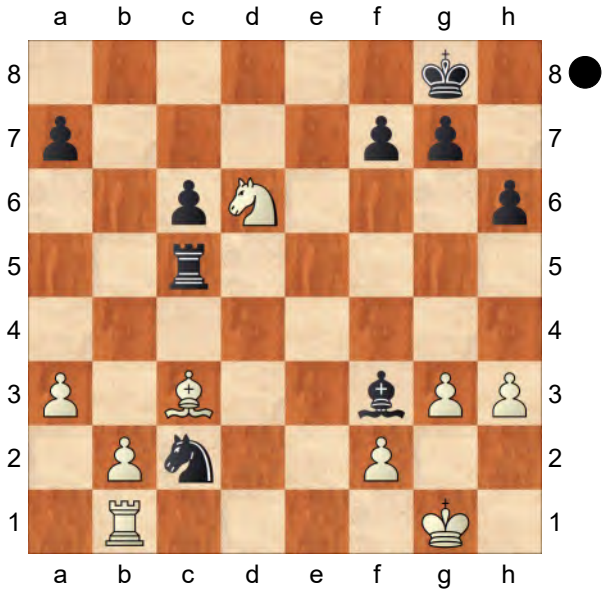
19.Ne5 0 **Bxe5** 13 **20.dxe5** 5 **Qe7** 18:07

(Diagram)

21.e6! 45 **Bf5** 17:58 **22.Rd7** 45 **Qxe6** 13 **23.Qxe6** 21:32 **Bxe6** 7 **24.Rxb7** 7 **Bc8** 24 **25.Rb3** 23 **Be6** 3:42 **26.Rb7** 2:01 **Bc8!?** 7 **27.Rb3** 12:01 **Bg4** 3:12 Against Re1-d1 **28.Rb7** 11:02 **Reb8** 3:20 **29.Rxb8+** 8 **Rxb8** 2:23 **30.Rb1** 2:23 **Nb4** 14:00 **31.a3** 1:23 **Nc2** 0 **32.Bf4** 12:54 **Rb3** 1:43 **33.Nxe4** 2:57 **Rd3** 15:01 **34.Be5** 3:03 **Bf3** 32 **35.Nd6** 5:23 **Rd5** 40 **36.Bc3** 1:57 **Rxc5** 5:02 **37.h3** -0.45/24 2:12



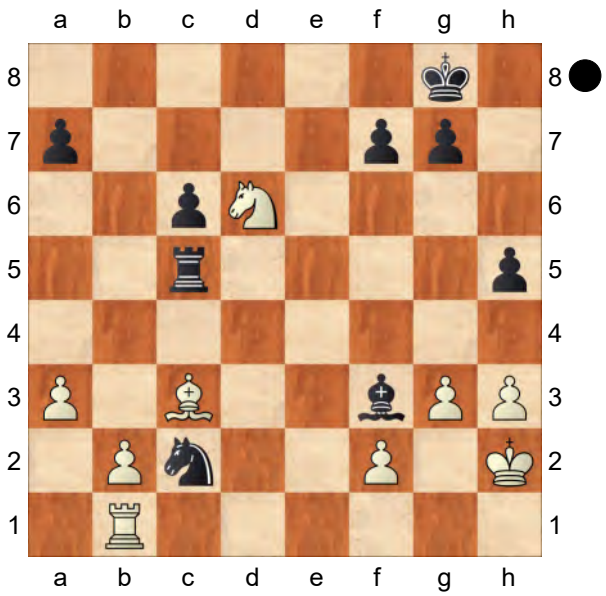
[37.Nb7= -0.03/23 Rd5 38.Na5]



37...h5 -0.11/23 7
[37...Nxa3!? 38.Re1 Threatens to win with Re1-e8+. Nb5! 39.Nxb5 cxb5∓]
[37...Nxa3!∓ -0.45/24 38.Re1 Nb5 39.Nxb5 cxb5]
38.Kh2 5:19

(Diagram)

Nxa3! 1:47 Deflection **39.Re1** 1:09 aiming for Re1-e3. **39...Nb5!** 3:43



40.Re8+ 20 **Kh7** 10:57 **41.Nxf7** 9:55 **Nxc3** 13 **42.bxc3∓** 24:47 Endgame KRB-KRN **42...Ra5** 0.33/24 6:33
[42...a5= -0.11/23 is more appropriate.]
43.c4 0.01/24 8:24
[43.h4± 0.33/24]
43...Ra2!= 14:32 **44.Rf8** 3:05 Black must now prevent Nf7-g5+.
44...Be2 2:48
[44...Rxf2+? 0.75/5 44...Bf3-e2 0.01 45.Kg1 Rg2+ 46.Kf1+-]
[44...Rxf2+? 45.Kg1 Rg2+ 46.Kf1+-]
45.h4 5:02 **Ra5** 3:00
[45...Bxc4? 1.68/23 45...a7-a5 -0.23 46.Rh8+ Kg6 47.Ne5+ Kf6 48.Nxc4+-]
[45...Bxc4? 46.Rh8+ Kg6 47.Ne5+ Kf6 48.Nxc4+-]
[45...a5!?]
46.Ng5+ 35 The position is equal.
46...Kg6 29 **47.Rc8** 4:15 **c5** 4:42
48.Ne6 49 Strongly threatening Ne6-f4+.
48...Bxc4 2:04 **49.Nf4+** 54 **Kh7** 2:08
50.Rc7 17 **Kh6** 2:18 **51.Rc6+** 0 **Kh7** 39
52.Nxh5 59 **Be2** 1:06 And now ...Be2-f3 would win. **53.Nf4** 0 **Bf3** 12 **54.Rc7** 24 **Ra1** 59 **55.g4** 11 **Bxg4** 8 **56.Rxc5** 1:22

Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)
[56.Kg3!? Bd1 57.Ne6=]
½-½

37 **A07**
□ **Giri,Anish** **2749**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
86th Tata Steel Masters (6.4) 19.01.2024
[David Cummings,MH]

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.h3 Bh5 5.c4** A small move-order nuance, since White normally castles here:
[5.0-0 when the mainline runs Nd7 6.d4 e6 7.c4 and now the following games in the PGN Archives give an overview of current theory:
A) 7...Ngf6 8.cxd5 exd5
A1) 9.Ne5 is best met by Ne4 *(9...Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Nd2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Bc5 13.Rc1 Qe7 14.Kh2 0-0 15.g4 Bg6 16.f4* gave White an edge in Nepomniachtchi-Duda*)* 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Bf4 Nxe5 13.dxe5 Bg6 14.Qb3 Qb6 with balanced chances in Mikhalevski-Shirov;
A2) 9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Qe3+ Be7 11.Nh4 is reviewed in Vachier-Lagrave-Bluebaum;
B) 7...Be7 and here:
B1) 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nc3 *(9.Qb3 Qb6 10.Qe3 Nf8* was fine for Black in Chirila-Moradiabadi*)* 9...Bxf3 10.exf3!? is Ju Wenjun-Goryachkina;
B2) 8.Nc3 dxc4 9.b3 cxb3 10.Qxb3 offers White good

compensation for the pawn, see Eljanov-So]

5...e6 6.d4 Nd7 7.cxd5 This trade makes sense as soon as Black has committed to ...Nb8-d7, so that there is no longer the option of ...c6xd5 and ...Nb8-c6. **7...exd5 8.Nc3 Ngf6**

[8...Bd6 (played in Daneshvar,B (2591)-Gukesh,D (2720) Samarkand 2023 1-0 (52)) prevents 9 Ne5 but can be met by 9.e4! giving White the initiative.]

9.Ne5 White continues to delay castling, using the saved tempo to establish a central stronghold. Note that White's 8 Nc3 discourages ...Nf6-e4 which was the idea we saw above in Mikhalevski-Shirov. **9...Bd6** This plays into White's hands. Instead:

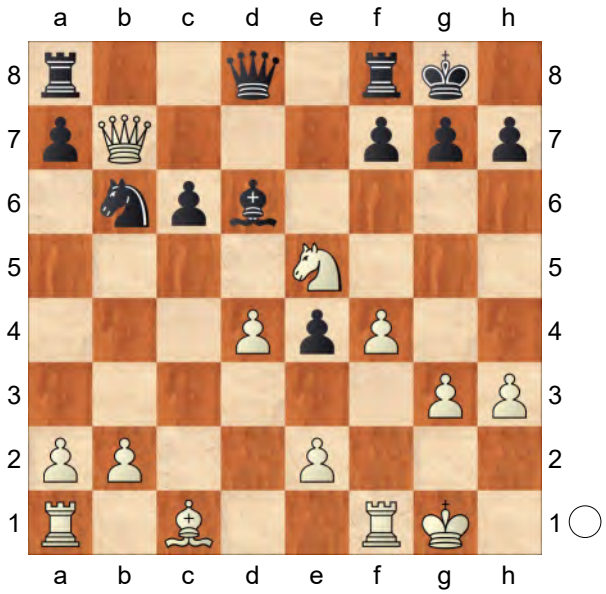
[9...Nxe5 is more critical. Now 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.f4 0.00/19 Warmerdam,M (2595)-Van den Doel,E (2604) Hoogeveen 2021 1-0 (40), and now *(11.0-0!± 0.40/19)* 11...Bc5 gives Black the chance of counterplay due to White's loosened King's position.]

10.f4 White's control of the centre promises an edge. **10...Bg6 11.0-0!** Threatening 12 f5, which prompts Black to offer trades on the e4-square. **11...Be4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Qb3** How should Black deal with the double attack on f7 and b7? **14...Bxe5?!** 1.59/24 Black maintains the material balance, but this is objectively dubious. Instead:

[14...0-0 15.Qxb7 Nb6

(Diagram)

16.Qxc6 0.47/19 sheds two pawns, but after *(16.Be3!± 0.89/19)*



16...Bxe5± 17.dxe5 Black must now prevent Bc1-e3! Qd4+ 18.e3! Qd3 Black has decent compensation due to White's lack of development.]

[14...0-0± 0.61/22]

15.dxe5N The correct recapture.

[15.fxe5 0.40/19 15.d4xe5 1.53 0-0 16.Qxb7 Nb6

A) 17.e3 Qd5 *(17...Qg5 18.Kg2 Nd5 19.Qxc6 Rac8 20.Qxd5 Rc2+ 21.Rf2 Rxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Qf5+ 23.Ke1 Rc8 24.Qb7 h5 25.Bd2 Qxh3 26.Qxe4 Qxg3+ 27.Ke2 h4 28.Rf1 h3 29.e6 f6 30.Qf3 Qg6 31.Qf5 Qg2+ 32.Rf2* 1-0 Yu,Y (2729)-Indjic,A (2641) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (6)) 18.b3 Rfb8 19.Qe7 Re8 20.Qd6 Rad8 21.Qxd5 Nxd5 22.Bd2 c5 23.dxc5 Rxe5 24.Rad1 Rc8 25.b4 a6 26.Rc1 Nc7 27.Bc3 Rd5 28.Rfd1 Rcd8 29.Rxd5 Rxd5 30.Bd4 f6 31.a4 Kf7 1-0 Winkler,T (2660)-Teske,H (2486) EU-chT (Men) 15th Gothenburg 2005 (15) 32.Rf1 Ke6 33.Rf4 f5 34.Rh4 h6 35.Bxg7 Rd1+ 36.Kf2 Nd5 37.b5

axb5 38.axb5 Rd2+ 39.Ke1 Rd3 40.Rxh6+ Kf7 41.Bd4 Nxe3 42.Bxe3 Rxe3+ 43.Kf2 Rf3+ 44.Ke2 Rxg3 45.b6 Kg7 46.b7 1-0 Grandelius,N (2660)-Alexakis,D (2486) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (15);

B) 17.Be3 Nd5 18.Bc1 is nothing special for White, Yu,Y (2729)-Indjic,A (2641) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (39)]

[15.fxe5?! 0-0⩲]

15...Nb6 The first new move. In my database, there are three Titled Tuesday games with Rasmus Svane (playing White) scoring 3/3 from this position! For example:

[15...Qb6+ 16.Be3 Qxb3 17.axb3 a6 18.Ra4 f5 19.Rb4 1.35/18 *(19.g4+- 1.83/20)* 19...0-0-0± 20.g4 and White was on top in Svane,R (2637)-Ibrahimli,M (2418) Chess.com INT 2022 1-0 (33)]

16.Qb4 1.07/20 White's opening has been a huge success, but here:. White is more active.

[16.Be3 was more convincing, for example 0-0 1.70/21 *(16...Qd7± 1.32/18)* 17.Rad1+- Qc7 18.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 19.Qxb6 axb6 20.a3 and its only a matter of time for before the e4-pawn falls.]

[⩲16.Be3 1.45/21]

16...Qd5 17.b3 0-0-0 18.Be3 Qe6 1.34/19

[⩲18...f6 0.94/18]

19.Kh2

[19.Qxe4?! Qxh3 20.Bf2 g5=]

19...f6 20.Qxe4 Letting some of the advantage slip.

[20.Qa3! is stronger, when play could continue fxe5 *(20...Kb8* 1.94/19 20...Nb6-d5 1.31 is now met by *21.f5)* 21.f5 Qd6 22.Qxa7 Nd5 23.Bc5 Qb8 ...Qb8xa7 would now be deadly. 24.Qa4 and White is in control.]

20...fxe5 21.fxe5?! 0.42/22 Winning a pawn, but releasing a lot of the pressure on Black's position.

[21.f5 Qf7 22.Rac1 and White remains better.]

[21.Qxe5?! Rhe8=]

[White should play 21.f5± 1.04/19 Qd6 22.Rac1]

21...Rd5⩲ Black is weak on the dark squares **22.Bd4 Nd7 23.Rf2**

[23.Bxa7 b6 *(23...Rxe5 24.Qd3∓)* 24.Rad1 Rxe5-+]

23...Re8

[23...Nxe5 was already possible.]

24.Raf1

[24.Bxa7? b6 25.Bxb6 *(25.Qxh7? Qxe5 26.Bxb6 Kb7-+)* 25...Nxb6 26.Qxh7 Re7-+ *(26...Rxe5 27.Qxg7 Re7 28.Qg4∓; 26...Qxe5? 27.Rc1-+)*]

24...Qg6 0.77/19

[24...Re7⩲ 0.38/20 was preferrable.]

25.Qe3 0.17/21

[White should try 25.Qxg6± 0.77/19 hxg6 26.Bb2 *(26.Bxa7 b6∓)*]

25...b6 1.54/18

[25...Nxe5= 0.17/21 keeps the balance. 26.Rf8 *(26.Bxa7? Ng4+* Discovered Attack *27.hxg4 Rxe3-+)* 26...Rdd8 27.Rxe8 Remove Defender Rxe8 28.Bxe5 Qh5]

26.b4 0.22/24

[26.Rf7± 1.54/18]

26...Nxe5 27.Rf8! Repels Ne5-g4+

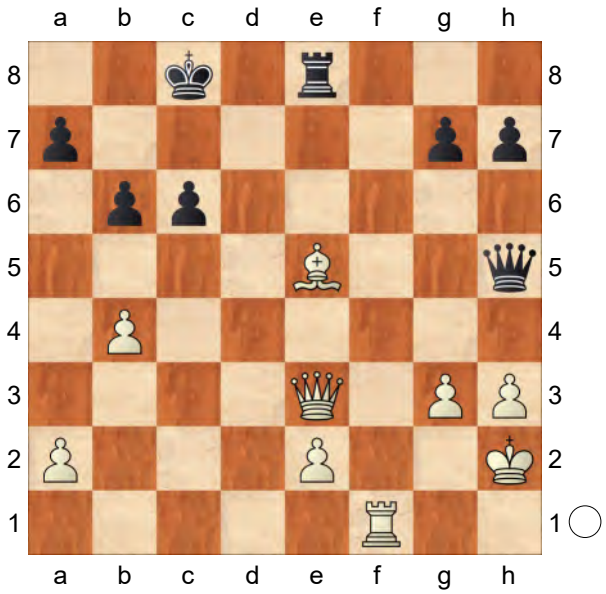
27...Rdd8! 28.Rxe8 Remove Defender

28...Rxe8 29.Bxe5 Hoping for Qe3-f4.

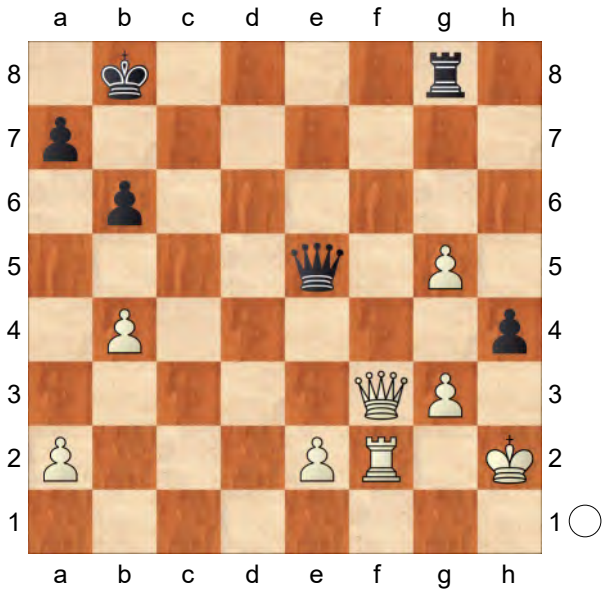
29...Qh5

(Diagram)

regaining the piece. **30.Qe4 Qxe5**



31.Qxc6+ Endgame. KQR-KQR **31...Kb8 32.Rf2↑** White has emerged with an extra pawn, but with both kings exposed, Black should be holding. White fights for an advantage. **32...h5! 33.h4 g5! 34.hxg5 h4! 35.Qf3 Rg8!**



36.g6! Qd6? 3.34/20 An unfortunate mistake in time trouble.

[36...Qxg3+ 37.Qxg3+ hxg3+ 38.Kxg3 aiming for Rf2-f6. Rxg6+ turns out to be a drawn rook endgame, as we in fact see in the game. Of course, it would be difficult to know this for sure with limited time.]

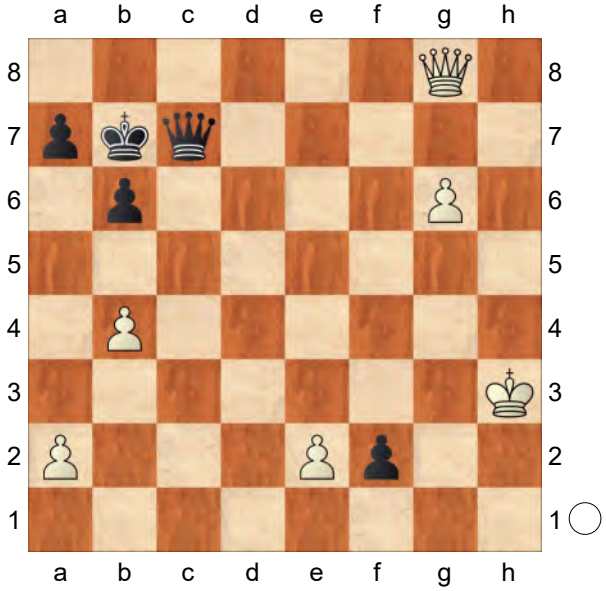
[36...hxg3+= 0.10/26 and Black is okay. 37.Qxg3 Qxg3+ Remove Defender 38.Kxg3 Rxg6+ 39.Kf4 Kc7]

37.Kh3+- hxg3 4.44/26

[⌓37...Qxg6 3.10/16 38.Qf4+ *(38.Kxh4? Rh8+; 38.gxh4 Qe6+ 39.Kh2 Rg4+-)* 38...Ka8]

38.Qxg3? 0.08/22 Returning the favour.

[38.Qf6! was a brilliant opportunity, for example Qc7 39.Qf8+ Kb7 40.Qxg8 White wants to mate with Qg8-d5+. gxf2



41.Qd5+! Kb8 42.Kg2 and White wins.]

[Only move: 38.Qf6+- 4.44/26 Qd2 39.Qe5+ *(39.Kxg3 Qe3+ 40.Kg4 Rxg6+ 41.Qxg6 Qxf2±)* 39...Ka8 40.Rf6 *(40.Qxg3? too greedy. Qh6+ 41.Kg2 Rxg6-+ Pin)* 40...Qh6+ 41.Kg2 *(41.Kxg3 Rxg6+ 42.Rxg6 Qxg6+ 43.Kh3 Qf7±)* 41...Qh2+ 42.Kf3 Qh1+ 43.Kxg3]

38...Qxg3+= Now Black has not choice to enter the rook endgame, but is now able to hold convincingly. Remove Defender. The position is equal.

39.Kxg3 Rxg6++- KR-KR **40.Kf4** Threatens to win with e2-e4. **40...Rf6+! 41.Ke3 Re6+ 42.Kd4 Rd6+ 43.Ke5 Rd2 44.a4** And now Rf2-f8+ would win. **44...a6 45.b5** Rf2-f8+ is the strong threat. **45...axb5 46.axb5 Rb2 47.Kd6 Rxb5 48.e4** Strongly threatening e4-e5. **48...Rb4 49.e5 Rd4+ 50.Ke7 b5 51.e6 Kc7 52.Rf5 b4 53.Kf8** White threatens e6-e7 and mate. **53...Re4 54.e7 Kd7 55.Rf7 Kc6 56.e8Q+**

[56.Rf5!? Kd7□ 57.Rf7= *(57.Rd5+ Kc6=)*]

56...Rxe8+ 57.Kxe8= Intending Rf7-f5 and mate. KR-KP **57...Kc5 58.Kd7 b3 59.Rf1 Kc4 60.Kd6 b2 61.Ke5 Kd3 62.Rb1 Kc2 63.Rxb2+ Kxb2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)
½-½

38 **E04**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2717**
Bundesliga 2324 (10.4) 24.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

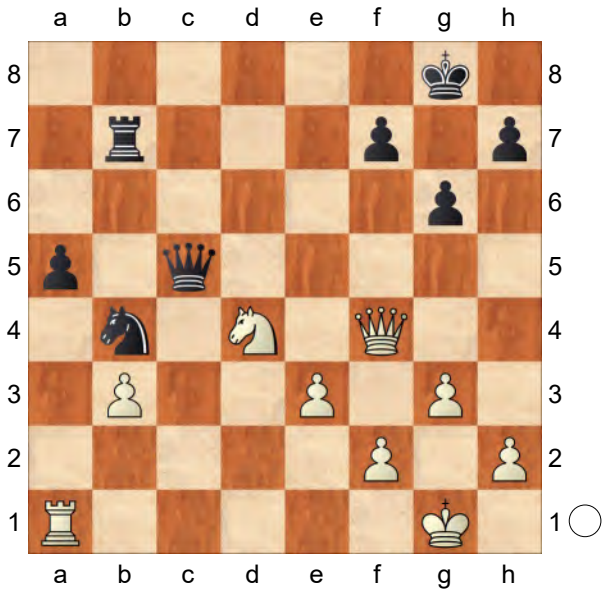
E04: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 When Kramnik was the champion of Classical Chess and Topalov the FIDE champ, it was possible to organize a reconciliation match. Kramnik gave up the advantage of keeping the title, if the score ended equal. A match of twelve games was played in Elista during the autumn of 2006. John Cox: 'JvR: 'When Kramnik was the champion of Classical Chess and Topalov the FIDE champ, it was possible to organize a reconciliation match. Kramnik gave up the advantage of keeping the title, if the score ended equal. A match of twelve games was played in Elista during the autumn of 2006. Marin,M: 'The match had a promising start: 75 moves of uncompromising battle, abrupt changes in the course of the game and... a decisive result. It could have all ended in an "interesting draw" right after the first time control if Black had been any other player than Topalov. For Kramnik, the general pattern must be quite familiar. Two years ago in Brissago, he also won the first game of his match with Leko after his opponent overstepped the limit of admissible risk. ''' Marin,M: 'The match had a promising start: 75 moves of uncompromising battle, abrupt changes in the course of the game and... a decisive result. It could have all ended in an "interesting draw" right after the first time control if Black had been any other player than Topalov. For Kramnik, the general pattern must be quite familiar. Two years ago in Brissago, he also won the first game of his match with Leko after his opponent overstepped the limit of admissible risk. ' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qc1 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2 c6 9.a4** White has an edge. **9...b5 10.axb5 cxb5 11.Qg5 0-0** ...Bc8-a6 would now be deadly. **12.Qxb5 Ba6 13.Qc5N** A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 13.Qxa5 Bb7! 14.Qxd8 Rxa1 *(14...Rxd8 15.Rxa8 Bxa8 16.Nbd2 Bd5 17.0-0 Nc6 18.Rc1 Na5 19.Ne5 Nd7 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Ra1 Nb7 22.e3 Kf8 23.Ra7 Nc5 24.Rxd7 Nxd7 25.e4* 1-0 Al Hosani,O (2216)-Liu,Y (2328) Abu Dhabi op-A 30th 2024 (6)*)* 15.Qxf8+! Kxf8 16.0-0 aiming for Nf3-e5. Ra2 17.Nc3 Rxb2 18.Rc1 Nbd7 19.Kf1 Nb6 20.Nd1 Rb4 21.Nd2 c3 22.Nxc3 Bxg2+

23.Kxg2 Rxd4 24.Nf3 ½-½ Svane,R (2625)-Wang,H (2709) FIDE World Cup Baku 2023 (4.4)]
[13.Rxa5? Bxb5 14.Rxa8 Bc6-+]
[13.Qa4 Qb6 14.0-0 Qxb2 15.Nbd2 Bb5 16.Nxc4 Bxa4 17.Nxb2 Bb5 18.Ne5 Ra7 19.Bf3 *(19.Nbc4 Nbd7 20.Nxa5 Bxe2 21.Rfe1 Bh5 22.Nac6 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Nxe5 24.dxe5 Nd7 25.f4 Re8 26.Ra7 Nc5 27.Kf2 Kf8 28.Ke3 Bg6 29.g4 Rc8 30.Ne7 Rd8 31.f5 exf5 32.gxf5 Bh5 33.Nc6 Rc8* 1-0 4.Nf3 g6 5.Nbd2 (2718)-Neumann, J (2600) EU-ch33 corr ICCF corr 1984 (1.2) *34.Bd5 h6 35.Kd4 Nb3+ 36.Bxb3 Rxc6 37.Ra8+ Ke7 38.Ba4 Bf3 39.Ra7+ Kf8 40.Bxc6 Bxc6 41.Kc5 Be4 42.Kd6 g5 43.e6* 1-0 4. ♘f3 g6 5. ♘bd2 (2718)-Neumann,J (2600) EU-ch33 corr ICCF corr 1984 (1.2)*)* 19...Nbd7 20.Nec4 Rb8 21.Rfb1 g5 22.e3 g4 23.Bd1 Bc6 24.Rc1 Be4 25.Na4 Rb4 26.Nd6 Bf3 27.Bxf3 gxf3 1-0 Kramnik,V (2740)-Topalov,V (2810) World Championship 2006 (1) 28.Nc8 Ra8 29.Ne7+ Kg7 30.Nc6 Rb3 31.Nc5 Rb5 32.h3 Nxc5 33.Rxc5 Rb2 34.Rg5+ Kh6 35.Rgxa5 Rxa5 36.Nxa5 Ne4 37.Rf1 Nd2 38.Rc1 Ne4 39.Rf1 f6 40.Nc6 Nd2 41.Rd1 Ne4 42.Rf1 Kg6 1-0 Hantel,T (2743)-11... ♕c7 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2813) Antwerp InventiChess 2011 (1)]

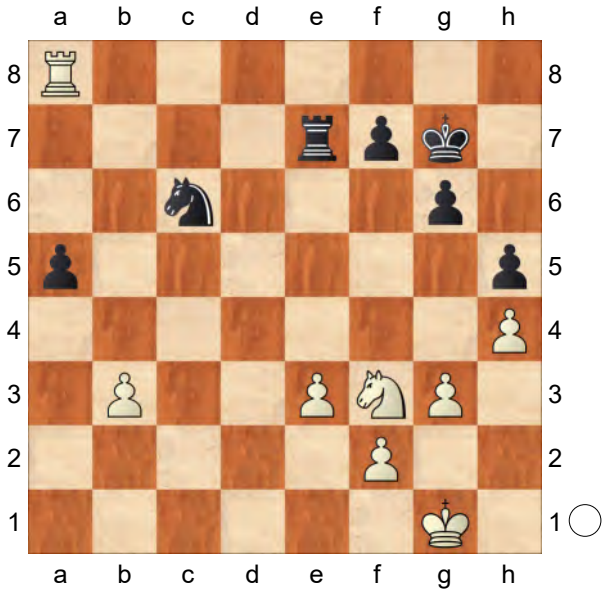
13...Nbd7 Prevents Nf3-e5 **14.Qa3 Bb7 15.Nbd2 Nb6 16.0-0 Ne4 17.Nb1 Nd5 18.Rc1 Nb4** 0.67/21
[18...Nb6= 0.08/22]
19.Rxc4± Nd6 20.Rc5 Ne4 Dodges Nb1-d2 **21.Rc1 e5 22.Qe3**
[22.Nxe5?! Qxd4 23.Ng4 Nc2=]
[22.dxe5 Nc2 *(22...Qb6 23.Qe3±)* 23.Qb3 *(23.Rxc2 Qd1+ 24.Bf1 Qxc2-+)* 23...Nxa1=]

22...exd4 23.Qxd4
[23.Nxd4 Re8±]
23...Qb8 24.Nc3 Re8 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.Qc5 Prevents Nb4-c2 **26...Ra6 27.Nd4** Strongly threatening Bg2xe4.
[27.Rxa5? Rc6 28.Qg5 h6-+]
27...Bxg2 28.Kxg2 g6 29.Kg1 0.80/21
[29.Rxa5 Qa8+ 30.Kg1 Rxa5∓]
[⌓29.Rc4 1.25/22]
29...Rd6± 30.Qc4
[30.Rxa5?! Rd5 31.Qxd5 Nxd5 32.Rxd5 Qxb2=]
30...Qb6 1.31/26
[⌓30...Qa8 0.95/22]
31.e3! Rb8 1.57/24
[⌓31...h5 1.12/21 32.Rc3 h4]
32.b3 Rd5 33.Qc7 Rb7 34.Qf4 1.29/21
[Better is 34.Qxb6+- 1.75/20 Rxb6 35.Kf1]
34...Rc5 35.Rxc5 Qxc5



36.Qe4 0.89/22
[⌓36.Rd1! 1.26/21]
36...Ra7 1.37/21
[⌓36...Rb8 0.89/22]
37.h4 h5 38.Rd1 Re7 Prevents Nd4-

e6. **39.Qa8+**
[39.Qb1 simplifies Qc7 40.Qc1 Rd7 41.Qxc7 Rxc7 42.Kf1]
39...Kg7 40.Nf3 0.67/20 White is more active.
[40.Kg2± 1.09/22]
40...Qc6 1.46/22
[40...Nc6± 0.67/20]
41.Rd8 Threatens to win with Rd8-g8+.
[41.Qxa5? perishes. Qxf3 42.Qa1+ Qf6 43.Qxf6+ Kxf6-+]
41...Qxa8 42.Rxa8 Endgame. KRN-KRN **42...Nc6** 2.72/22
[42...Rc7± 1.53/21 43.Rxa5 Nd3]



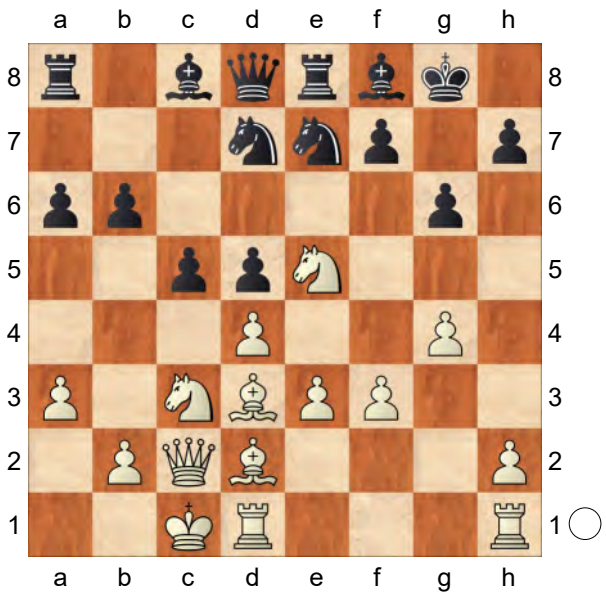
43.Ra6!+- Rc7 44.Kf1 Kf8 45.Nd2 Ke7 46.Nc4 Kd7 47.Ke2
[47.Nxa5 Ne5 48.f4 Rc1+ 49.Ke2 Ng4±]
47...Ke8 48.Kd2 Rd7+ 49.Kc3 Rc7 50.Kd2 Rd7+ 51.Ke2 Rc7 52.Nxa5 Ne5 53.f4 Ng4 54.Nc4 Kf8 55.e4 Rb7 56.Ra3 Nf6 57.Nd6 Rb4 58.e5 Nd5 59.Kd3 Ke7 60.Ra4 Rb8 61.Kd4 Ke6 62.Ra6 2.46/19
[⌓62.Nxf7 4.93/19 Ne7 63.Nh6 *(63.Ng5+ Kd7+-)*]
62...Nb4 63.Ra4 Nc2+? 4.61/20
[63...f6 2.32/18 64.Nc4 Rd8+ 65.Kc3 Nd5+ 66.Kb2 fxe5 67.Nxe5 Ne7 68.Ra6+ Skewer Rd6 69.Rxd6+ Kxd6]
64.Kd3 White is clearly winning.
64...Nb4+ 65.Kc4 Nd5 66.Ra6 Nb4 67.Ra7 f6 68.Rg7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.21 (precise)
1-0

39 **D38**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**
Tata Steel-A 86th (13) 28.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Qc2 b6 8.Bd2 Re8 9.a3** White has an edge. **9...Bf8 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bd3** -0.06/22
[11.Bb5± 0.34/21 Bd7 12.0-0]
11...Ne7= 12.Ne5 a6 Prevents Bd3-b5
13.g4 g6 14.f3 c5 15.0-0-0! Nd7N
[15...c4 16.Be2 b5 17.h4 Qb6 18.h5 a5 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.e4 b4 21.Na4 Qxd4 22.Bf4 Qf2 23.Rdf1 Qa7 24.Bd1 Chapter Ragozin-7...Re8 9.a3 b6/a6 2020]

(Diagram)

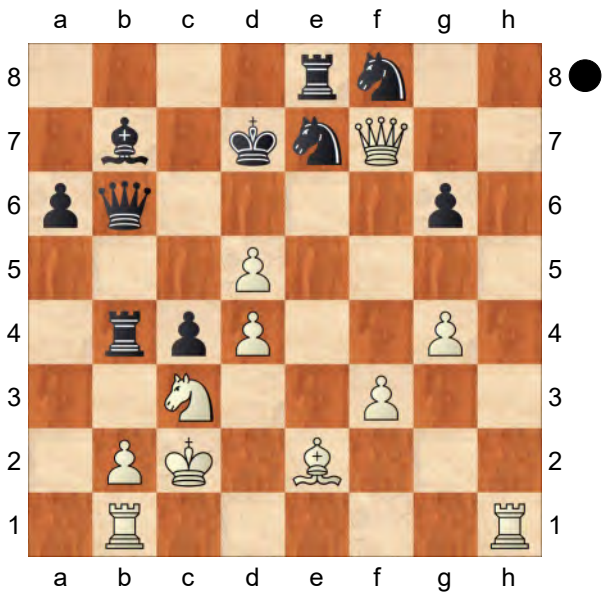
16.Nxf7 -1.13/20 **Kxf7∓ 17.h4 b5 18.h5 c4 19.Bf1** -1.21/19
[⌓19.hxg6+ -0.78/21 hxg6 20.Bf1]
19...Bg7 20.e4
[20.hxg6+ Nxg6 *(20...hxg6 21.e4∓)* 21.f4 Nf6∓]
20...Nf8 21.hxg6+ hxg6 22.Be3 Rb8



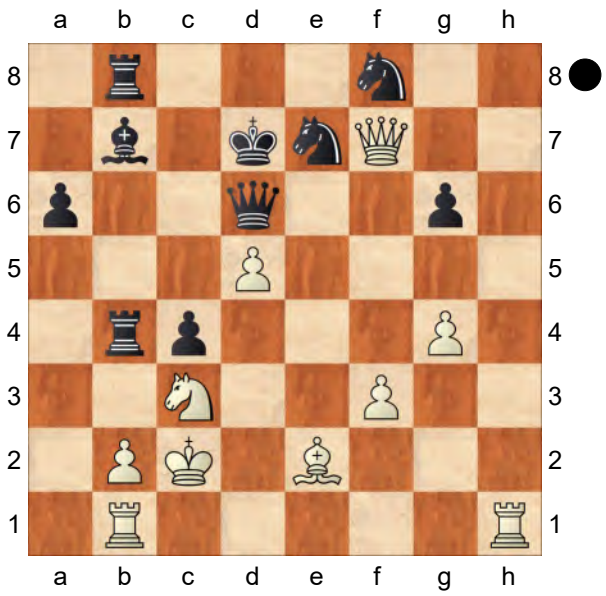
23.Qh2 Rb7 Strongly threatening ...b5-b4. **24.Be2?** -2.57/18
[24.Bh6∓ -0.77/17]
24...b4-+ 25.axb4 Rxb4 26.Bh6 Bxh6+ 27.Qxh6 Qa5! ...Qa5-a1+ is the strong threat. **28.Kc2 Qb6 29.Qf4+ Ke6?** -0.42/21
[29...Kg8 30.Kc1∓]
[29...Bf5-+ -2.57/19 30.Rb1 g5 *(30...Qxd4 31.gxf5 Nxf5 32.Nxd5=; 30...Ne6 31.Qe5=)*]
30.Rb1 -1.30/26
[30.b3∓ -0.42/21 cxb3+ *(30...Rxb3? 31.Na4∓)* 31.Kb2]
30...Kd7∓
[30...Qxd4? 31.exd5++-]
31.exd5 Bb7
[31...Nxd5 32.Nxd5 *(32.Qf7+ Ne7±)* 32...Rxe2+ *(32...Rxb2+? 33.Rxb2 Rxe2+ 34.Kd1+-)* 33.Kd1+-]
32.Qf7

(Diagram)

Rb8! And now ...Rb4xb2+! would win.
[32...Qxd4? 33.Rhd1 Qc5 34.d6+- *(34.Ne4 Qe3+-)*]
33.d6 -2.27/19



[33.b3∓ -1.55/18 is a better defense. cxb3+ *(33...Rxb3 34.Bxc4 Rxb1 35.Rxb1+-)* 34.Kb2]
33...Qxd6-+
[33...Kxd6 34.Bxc4 *(34.Qf4+? Kd7-+)* 34...Rxc4 *(34...Qxd4? 35.Rhd1+- Pin)* 35.Qxc4=]
34.d5



Wards off Nf8-e6 **34...Ba8** -0.93/20
[Stronger than 34...Bxd5 35.Nxd5 Qe5 *(35...Qxd5 36.Rhd1+- Pin)* 36.Qxe7+ *(36.Nxb4 Qxe2+ 37.Kc1 Qe3+ 38.Kd1 Rxb4=)* 36...Qxe7

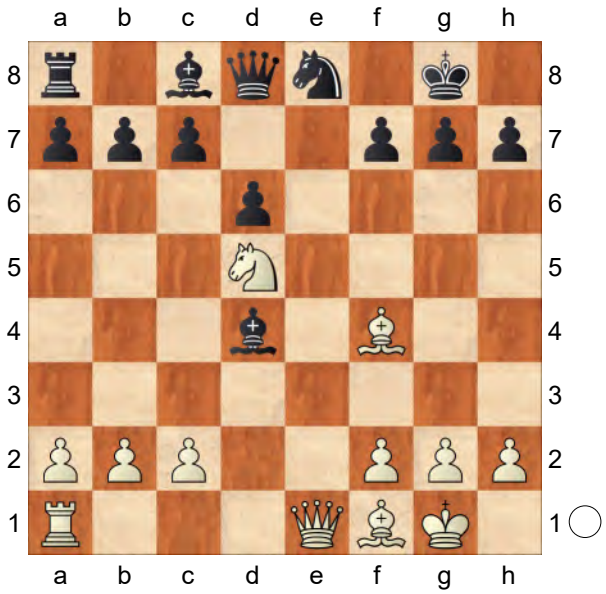
37.Nxe7 Kxe7 38.Kc3=]
[34...g5!-+ -2.37/19 35.Ne4 Qg6 *(35...Qxd5? 36.Nf6+ Kd6 37.Nxd5+-)*]
35.Rh8? -4.69/22
[35.Rhd1∓ -0.93/20]
35...Bxd5
[Weaker is 35...Qb6 36.Rxf8 Rxb2+ 37.Rxb2 Qxb2+ 38.Kd1 Rxf8 39.Qxf8∓]
36.Nxd5 Qxd5 37.Rxf8 Qe5 38.Kd1 Rxf8 39.Qxf8 c3 (→ ...c3-c2+)
[Less strong is 39...Rxb2 40.Rxb2 Qxb2 41.Qf4=]
40.Ke1 Rxb2 41.Rd1+ Ke6
Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.24 (precise)
0-1

40 **C67**
□ **Firouzja,Alireza** **2759**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
Tata Steel-A 86th (2) 14.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1 Re8** The main line 10...Re8 scores better than 10...Nf5. Die Hauptvariante 10...Te8 punktet besser als 10...Sf5. **11.Bf4 Rxe1 12.Qxe1 Ne8** The position is equal. **13.Nc3** Black is weak on the light squares **13...Bxd4 14.Nd5 d6!**

(Diagram)

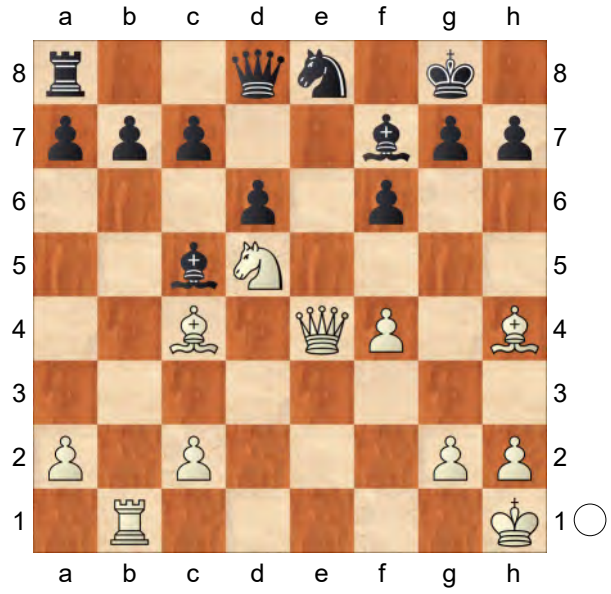
15.Bg5! Deflection, Back Rank **15...f6 16.Bh4**
[16.Bc4 feels hotter. Kh8 17.Qe4



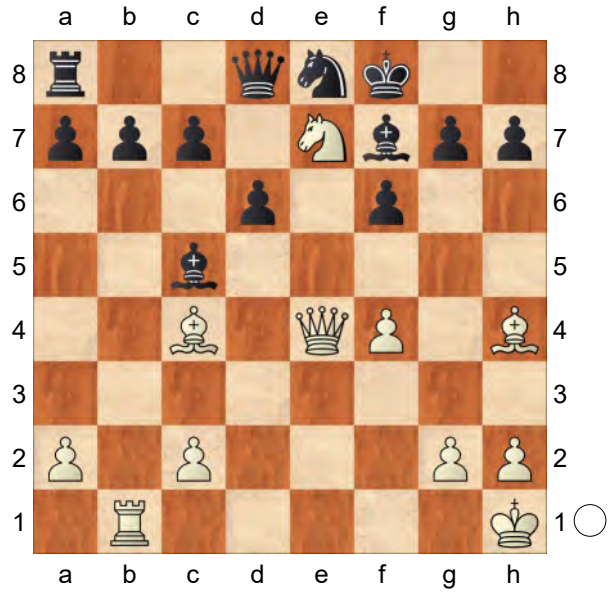
fxg5 18.Bd3]
16...Bxb2 17.Rb1 Be5 Strongly threatening ...c7-c6. **18.f4 Be6N** 1.36/19
[Vorgänger: 18...c6 0.40/20 18...Be5-d4+ -0.17 19.fxe5 cxd5 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Bd3 Bh4xf6 would now be deadly. Bd7! 22.Qg3 Bc6 23.Bg5 *(23.Rf1 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Ne4 25.Qf4 h6 26.Qf7+ Kh8 27.Bxe4 dxe4 28.Bf6 Rg8 29.Qg6 Qe3 30.Bxg7+* 1-0 Firouzja,A (2703)-Aronian,L (2778) Skilling Open | Prelims 2020 (9.8)) 23...a6 24.Rf1 Qb6+ 1-0 Huschenbeth,N (2605)-Navara,D (2689) FIDE Grand Swiss Douglas 2023 (1)]
[18...Bd4+= -0.20/22 19.Kh1 c6 *(19...Kh8 20.Bd3 c6 21.Ne7 d5 22.Qe2 h6 23.Ng6+ Kg8 24.Rxb7 Nd6 25.Ne7+ Kf8 26.Ng6+ Kg8 27.Ne7+ Kf8 28.Nxc6 Qe8 29.Qxe8+ Nxe8 30.Rb5 Be3 31.Be1 Nc7 32.Rb4 Bd7 33.Rb7 Bxc6 34.Bb4+* 0-1 Cornette,M (2532)-Schroeder,J (2370) Politiken Cup 36th Helsingor 2014 (9) *Kg8 35.Rxc7 Be8 36.g3 Bb6 37.Re7 Bf7 38.Kg2 a5 39.Bd6 Bd8 40.Rb7 d4 41.Rb2*

Bd5+ 42.Kf2 Kf7 43.Bc5 a4 44.a3 g5 45.f5 Ra5 46.Bxd4 Be7 47.c4 Bc6 48.Rb6 Bd7 49.g4 1-0 Hetenyi, G (2581)-7. ♗g2 ♘c6 8.h3 ♕c7 (2519) FRA-chT Top 16 GP Haute Pori Barcares 2005 (7.6) *)*]

19.Bc4!± White has strong compensation. White leaves nothing to chance now. **19...Bd4+ 20.Kh1 Bf7 21.Qe4! Bc5**



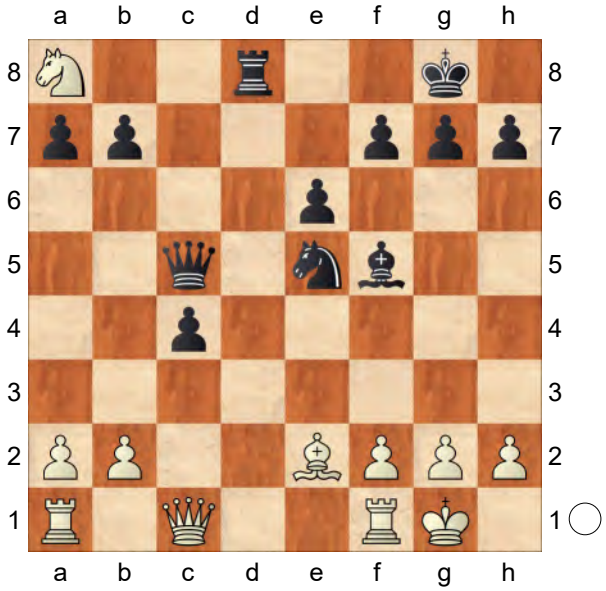
22.Ne7+!
[22.Rxb7 Kh8=]
22...Kf8



23.Qxh7! Qh7-g8+! would kill now. White is much more active. **23...Bxc4** 2.15/23
[23...d5± 1.54/23 24.Nxd5 Bxd5 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Re1+ Kd6 27.Bxd5 Kxd5]
24.Re1→ White wants a kill.
[24.Ng6+?! Kf7]
24...Qxe7
[24...Bxa2 25.Qh8+ Kf7 26.Qg8#]
25.Rxe7 Kxe7 26.Qe4+ Be6 ...d6-d5 is the strong threat. **27.f5!** Pin
[27.Qxb7? Rd8 28.a3 Kf8-+ *(28...Bxa3? 29.Qe4-+)*]
27...Rd8 28.g4
[28.Qxe6+ Kf8=]
[28.fxe6?! d5 29.Qg6 Kxe6±]
28...c6? 4.53/24
[28...d5 1.91/20 was worth a try. 29.Qxe6+ Kf8]
29.g5 White is clearly winning.
[29.fxe6 d5 30.Qf5 Bd6±]
[29.Qxe6+ Kf8 30.g5 Nc7±]
29...Kf8 30.fxe6 Threatening mate with e6-e7+.
[30.Qxe6 Nc7 31.Qb3 fxg5+-]
30...Ke7 31.gxf6+ gxf6 32.Qg4 Intending Qg4-g8 and mate.
[32.Qh7+ Kxe6 33.Qxb7 d5 34.Qxc6+ Bd6+-]
32...d5 33.Qg8 White wants to mate with Qg8-f7+. **33...Bd4 34.Bg3 Be5 35.Bxe5 fxe5** Endgame. KQ-KRN **36.h4**
[36.Qg5+ Nf6=]
36...e4 37.h5 d4 38.Qf7+ Skewer **38...Kd6 39.e7**
[39.Qxb7 d3 40.Qb4+ *(40.Qxa7?* perishes. *d2-+)* 40...c5±]
39...Rc8 40.Qf4+ Kxe7 41.Qxe4+ Kd7 42.Qxd4+ Nd6 43.h6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.31
1-0

41 **B12**
□ **Wei,Yi** **2740**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
Tata Steel-A 86th (4) 16.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

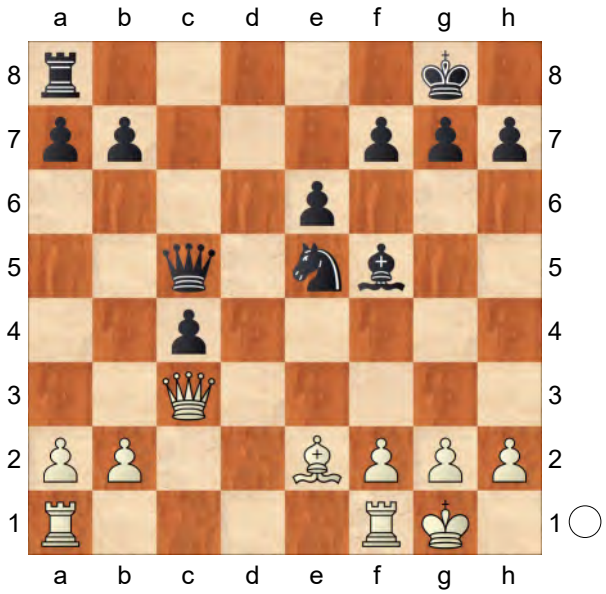
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Ne7 6.0-0 c5 7.dxc5 Nec6 8.Bg5**
[8.c3 Bxc5 9.Bd3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 Nd7 11.Bb5 0-0 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.h3 Bh5 14.Re1 Qb6 15.Qe2 a5 16.Nf1 Nxe5 17.Qxe5 Bxf2+ 18.Kh2 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Bxe1 20.Qxe1 e5 21.Ng3 Rae8 22.Nf5 Re6 0-1 Firouzja,A (2777)-Carlsen,M (2835) Bullet Chess Losers Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (6.5)]
8...Be7 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 White is slightly better. **10.Na3N** 0.02/17 A top novelty. Eine Top Neuerung.
[Vorgänger: 10.c4 dxc4
A) 11.Na3 Nd7 *(11...c3 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.Nb5 0-0 14.Nd6 Nxc5 15.Bb5 Bg4 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.h3 Bh5 18.g4 Bg6 19.Qd4 Nb7 20.Rad1 c5 21.Qa4 Nxd6 22.Rxd6 f5 23.Rd7 Qe8 24.Rfd1 fxg4 25.Qxg4 Rf7 26.Rxf7* 4 Chapter Part-Games Chapter Part 2 (7) Game) 12.Nxc4 0-0 13.Qd6 Nxc5 14.Qxe7 Nxe7 15.Rfd1 Rad8 16.Nd6 b6 17.Nd4 Bg6 18.Rac1 a5 19.Nc4 Nd7 20.Bf3 h6 21.h4 h5 22.Rc3 Kh7 23.g3 Kh6 24.Bg2 Bf5 25.Nxf5+ Nxf5 1-0 Halwick,F (2434)-Garcia,M (2152) IECG WC.2009.S.00003 email IECG email 2006 26.Be4 Kh7 27.Bxf5+ exf5 28.Rcd3 Rc8 29.b3 Nc5 30.Rf3 g6 31.Nxb6 Rcd8 32.Rxd8 Rxd8 33.Rc3 Ne6 34.Nc4 Rd5 35.f4 Kg7 36.Kf2 Kf8 37.a4 Ke7 38.Ke2 Rc5 39.Rd3 Nd8 40.Rd6 Nc6 1-0 Landero Luna,V (2434)-Kinnmark,O (2152) USSR (ch) 48/570 1989;
B) 11.Nbd2 c3! 12.bxc3 0-0 13.Nc4 Nd7 14.Nd4 And now Nd4xc6 would win. Ndxe5 0.65/17 *(14...Ncxe5=* -0.11/20 *15.Nxf5 exf5)* 15.Nxe5 -0.04/20 *(15.Nxf5±* 0.65/17 *exf5 16.Nd6)* 15...Nxe5= 16.Nxf5 exf5 1-0 Paravyan,D (2617)-Tari,A (2660) Titled Tuesday intern op 01st Mar Early Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (11)]
[10.c4± 0.42/20]
10...0-0= 11.c4 Rd8 12.Nb5 Qxc5 0.49/19
[12...Na6∓ -0.37/19]
13.Nc7± dxc4 Discovered Attack
14.Qc1 Nxe5 Discovered Attack
15.Nxa8 Nbc6! 16.Nxe5 Nxe5

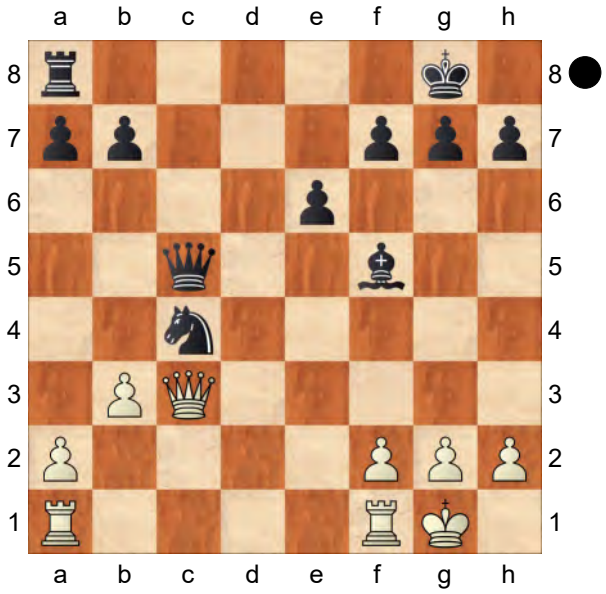


17.Qc3! Rxa8

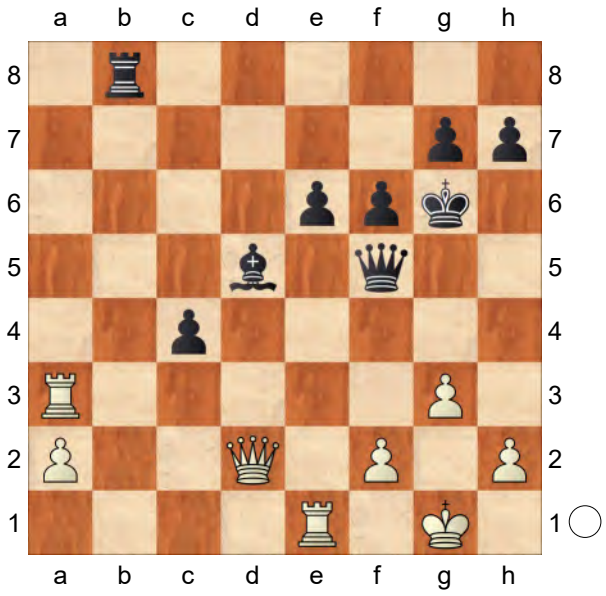
(Diagram)

18.Bxc4 -0.03/21 **Nxc4= 19.b3**
(Diagram)





b5! 20.bxc4 Rc8 0.47/22
[20...bxc4= -0.11/21 21.Rfd1 Be4]
21.Rac1 bxc4 1.29/21
[Black should play 21...Bg6± 0.41/21]
22.Rfd1± Kf8 23.Rd4 White has strong compensation. **23...Bd3 24.Rd7** 0.01/22
[24.Rxd3? cxd3 25.Qxc5+ Rxc5-+]
[White should try 24.a4± 1.01/19]
24...Ke8!= 25.Rb7
[25.Rxd3 cxd3 26.Qxc5 Rxc5-+]
25...Be4 26.Rb4 Chess con chili.
26...Qg5 White is weak on the light squares **27.g3**
[27.Rxc4? Qxg2#]
27...Bd5 28.Rcb1 f6 29.Qc2 -0.61/19
[29.Qa3!= -0.01/20 Qe5 30.Qxa7]
29...a5 -0.01/20
[29...Kf7∓ -0.61/19]
30.Rb5 Qh5
[30...Kf7 seems wilder. 31.Qxh7 Rc7 32.Rb8 c3]
31.Qa4! Kf7⇄ White must now prevent ...Qh5-f3. Black puts up resistance
32.Rxa5 Rd8 0.39/22 Against Qa4-d7+
[32...Kg6= 0.01/22 feels stronger.]
33.Ra7+!± Kg6 34.Qc2+ Kh6 35.Qd2+ Kg6 36.Qc2+ Kh6 Hoping for ...Qh5-f3.
37.Qd2+ 0.01/18
[37.Ra3!± 0.45/20 is more appropriate.]
37...Kg6= 38.Ra3 Wards off Qh5-f3
[38.Rbb7 Bxb7 39.Qxd8 Qf3 40.Rxb7 *(40.Qe8+ Kf5=)* 40...Qxb7 41.Qe8+ Kf5 42.Qh5+ g5]
38...Qf5 39.Re1 Threatens to win with g3-g4! **39...Rb8** 0.41/20
[39...h5= -0.07/19 should be considered.]



40.g4!± Qb1 Back Rank **41.h4! Qb6! 42.h5+ Kf7 43.Qe3**

[43.h6 looks sharper. Qc5 44.Rc3 Qa5 45.Qc2]

43...Qxe3 44.fxe3 Endgame. KRR-KRB

44...Be4 1.12/22

[44...f5!± 0.35/20]

45.Ra7+± Ke8 1.39/21

[⌓45...Kf8 0.87/20]

46.Rc1

[46.Rxg7 Rb2±]

46...Bd3 2.49/21

[46...Rc8± 1.40/21]

47.Rc3 Strongly threatening Rc3-a3!

47...g5 2.86/22

[47...Kf8± 1.55/20 48.Kg2 Rc8]

48.Rca3+- Rc8 49.Rg7!

[49.R3a6 c3 50.Rxe6+ Kf8 51.Rxf6+ Kg8-+]

49...Kf8 Against Rg7-g8+ **50.Raa7 c3 51.Raf7+** 1.29/5

[51.Rgc7+- 3.20/27 Rxc7 52.Rxc7]

51...Ke8± 52.Rb7!

[52.Rxf6? Rc4 53.Rg8+ *(53.Rxg5? c2-+; 53.Rxe6+? Kf8-+)* 53...Ke7-+]

52...Kf8 Prevents Rg7-g8+. **53.Rgf7+**

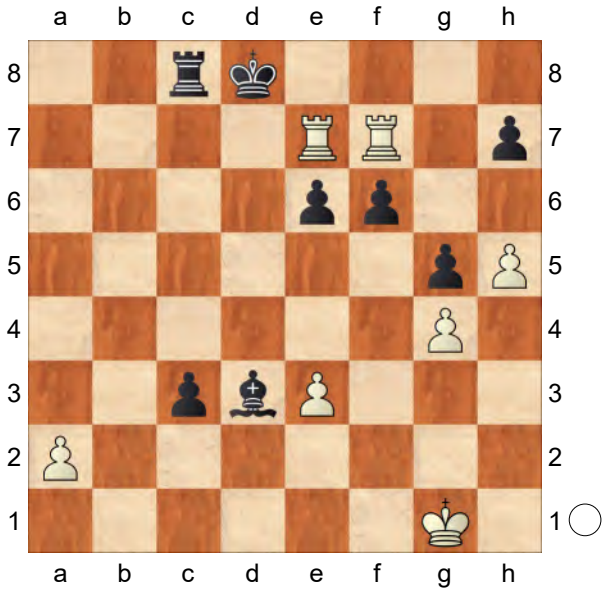
[53.Rbf7+ Ke8 54.Rc7 *(54.Rxf6? Rc4-+)* 54...Rxc7 55.Rxc7 c2±]

53...Ke8 54.Rbe7+? 0.62/5

[54.Rxf6 c2 55.Rxe6+ Kf8 56.Rf6+ Kg8 57.Rf1 Bxf1 *(57...c1B? 58.Re1-+)* 58.Kxf1 c1Q+ *(58...c1B? 59.Ke2-+)* 59.Ke2 Rc2+ 60.Kd3 Rd2+ *(60...Rxa2 61.Rb8+ Kf7 62.Rb7+ Ke6 63.Rb6+ Kd5 64.Rb5+ Kc6 65.Ke4 Kxb5 66.Kf5 Qxe3 67.Kf6 Ra7 68.h6 Rd7 69.Kf5 Rf7#)* 61.Ke4 Qc2+ *(61...Rxa2 62.Rb8+ Kf7 63.Rb7+ Ke8 64.Rb8+ Kd7 65.Rb7+ Kc6 66.Rb8 Qc2+ 67.Ke5 Qc5+ 68.Kf6 Qd6+ 69.Kxg5 Ra5+ 70.Rb5 Rxb5+ 71.Kh4 Qh2#)* 62.Ke5 Qc5+ *(62...Qxa2 63.Rb8+ Kf7 64.Rb7+ Ke8 65.Rb8+ Kd7 66.Rb7+ Kc6 67.h6 Kxb7 68.Kf6 Rd6+ 69.Kxg5 Qf2 70.Kh5 Qxe3 71.Kh4 Rxh6#)* 63.Ke6 Qxe3+ 64.Kf6 Rf2#]

[Better is 54.Rfe7++- 2.26/27 Kf8 55.Rec7 *(55.Rxe6 c2 56.Rxf6+ Kg8 57.Rf1 Bxf1 58.Kxf1 c1Q+ 59.Ke2 Rc2+ 60.Kd3 Rd2+ 61.Ke4 Qc6+ 62.Kf5 Qf3+ 63.Kxg5 Qxe3+ 64.Kh4 Rh2#)* 55...Rxc7 56.Rxc7]

54...Kd8±



55.Rb7 0.01/22

[55.Rxe6 Rc4 56.Rd6+ *(56.Rexf6? c2-+)* 56...Ke8∓]

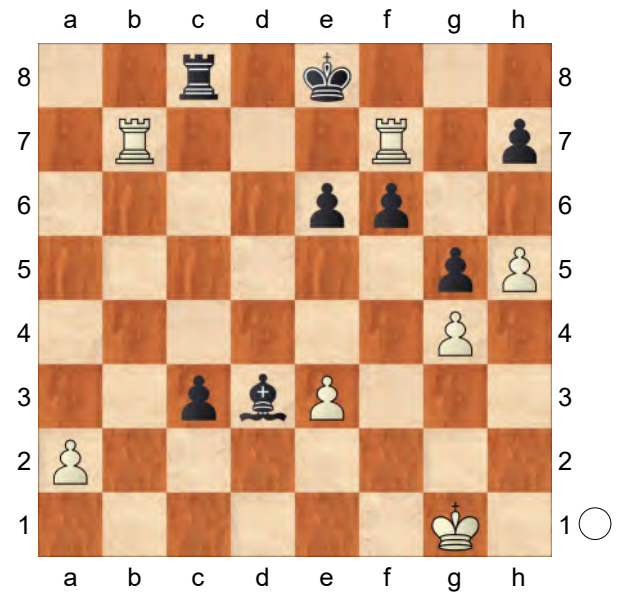
[55.Rd7+!± 1.30/24 Ke8 56.Rde7+ Kd8 57.Rb7 *(57.Rxe6? Rc4-+)*]

55...Ke8=

(Diagram)

56.Rfe7+!

[56.Rxf6 c2 57.Rxe6+ Kf8 58.Rf6+ Kg8 59.Rf1 Bxf1 *(59...c1B? 60.Re1-+)* 60.Kxf1 c1Q+ *(60...c1B? 61.Ke2-+)* 61.Ke2 Rc2+ 62.Kd3 Rd2+ *(62...Rxa2 63.Rb8+ Kf7 64.Rb7+ Ke6 65.Rb6+ Kd5 66.Rb5+ Kc6 67.Kd4 Kxb5 68.Ke5 Qxe3+ 69.Kf6 Ra7 70.h6 Rd7 71.Kf5*



Rf7#) 63.Ke4 Qc4+ *(63...Rxa2 64.Rb8+ Kf7 65.Rb7+ Ke6 66.Rb6+ Kd7 67.Rb7+ Kc6 68.Rb8 Qc4+ 69.Kf5 Qc5+ 70.Kf6 Qd6+ 71.Kxg5 Ra5+ 72.Rb5 Rxb5+ 73.Kh4 Qh2#)* 64.Ke5 Rd5+ *(64...Rxa2 65.Rb8+ Kf7 66.Rb7+ Ke8 67.Rb8+ Kd7 68.Kf6 Qe6+ 69.Kg7 Ra7 70.Kh8 Kc6 71.Rf8 Qe5+ 72.Rf6+ Qxf6+ 73.Kg8 Qg7#)* 65.Kf6 Qc3+ 66.Ke7 Qe5#]

56...Kf8 aiming for ...c3-c2. **57.Rec7**

[57.Rxe6 c2 58.Rxf6+ Kg8 59.Rf1 Bxf1 *(59...c1B? 60.Re1-+)* 60.Kxf1 c1Q+ *(60...c1B? 61.Ke2-+)* 61.Ke2 Rc2+ 62.Kd3 Rd2+ *(62...Rxa2* is a self mate. *63.Rb8+ Kf7 64.Rb7+ Ke6 65.Rb6+ Kd5 66.Rb5+ Kc6 67.Rxg5 Ra3+ 68.Ke4 Rxe3+ 69.Kf4 Re2+ 70.Kg3 Qg1+ 71.Kh4 Qh2#)* 63.Ke4 Qc6+ *(63...Rxa2 64.Rb8+ Kf7 65.Rb7+ Ke6 66.Rb6+ Kd7 67.Rb7+ Kc6 68.Rb8 Qc4+ 69.Kf5 Qd5+ 70.Kf6 Qd6+ 71.Kxg5 Ra5+ 72.Rb5 Rxb5+ 73.Kh4 Qh2#)* 64.Ke5 Qc5+ *(64...Qxb7? 65.Kf6 Rd5 66.h6 Qf7#)* 65.Ke6 Qxe3+ 66.Kf6 Rf2#]

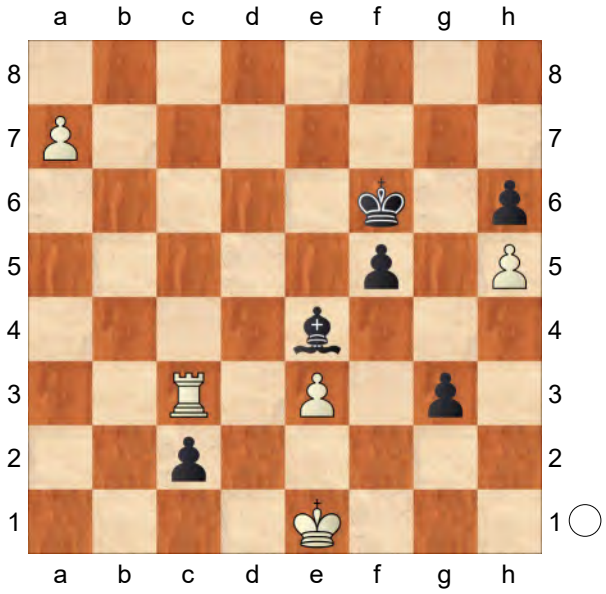
57...Rxc7 58.Rxc7+- KR-KB **58...c2 59.a4 h6?** 4.48/26

[59...f5 2.02/23 was called for. 60.gxf5 *(60.Rxh7* gets mated. *c1Q+ 61.Kh2 Qd2+ 62.Kg1 Qe1+ 63.Kg2 Qf1+ 64.Kh2 Qf2+ 65.Kh3 Bf1#)* 60...exf5]

60.a5 f5 61.Kf2 Ke8 62.gxf5 exf5 5.29/24

[62...Kd8 3.46/22 is a better defense. 63.Rc3 Bxf5]

63.Ke1 White is clearly winning. **63...g4 64.Kd2 Be4 65.a6 g3** ...f5-f4! would now be deadly. **66.Ke1 Kd8 67.Rc3 Ke7 68.a7 Kf6**



69.Rxc2!! Deflection, Promotion.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)

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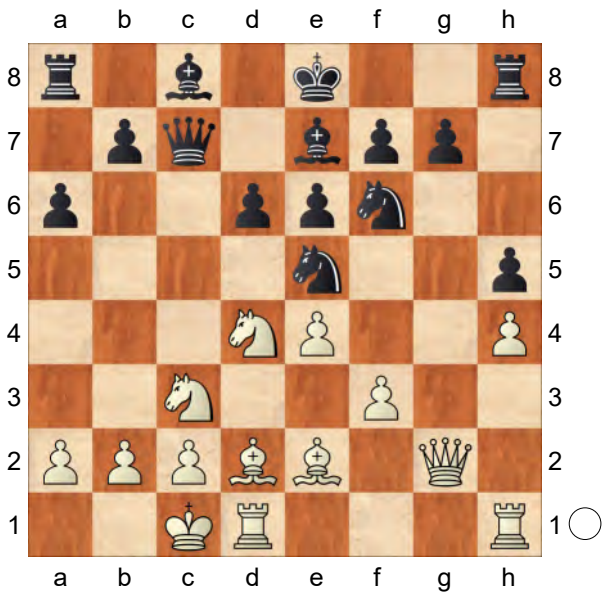
42 **B95**
□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2743**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham 2740**
86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (1.7)
[Roiz,M]

1.e4 38 **c5** 7 **2.Nf3** 5 **d6** 4 **3.d4** 4 **cxd4** 5 **4.Nxd4** 5 **Nf6** 4 **5.Nc3** 4 **a6** 5 **6.Bg5** 16 **e6** 3:53 **7.Qf3** 14 This is one of a few ways to deviate from
[7.Qe2 which was also played by Praggnanandhaa at Wijk.]
7...Be7 12:54
[7...h6!? is worthy of attention, as I've mentioned on previous occasions. Indeed, the following practical tests prove that Black's position is good enough: 8.Be3 *(8.Bd2 Qc7 9.g4 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.0-0-0 Nbd7⇄* Nepomniachtchi,I - Carlsen,M Chess.com INT 2023*)* 8...Nbd7 9.0-0-0 Qc7 10.Qg3 b5 11.a3 Rb8⇄ Hakobyan,A - Sarana,A Chess.com INT 2023]
8.0-0-0 38 **Qc7** 11:28
[8...Qa5?! is covered in Predke, A (2682)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2761) Belgrade 2022 CB10 2022 [Roiz,M]]
9.g4 3:37 **Nbd7** 4:44 B95: Sicilian Najdorf: 6 Bg5 e6, unusual White 7th moves. This natural developing move is Black's top choice, but it is actually an inaccuracy.
[9...b5! is playable, although it allows a dangerous piece sacrifice: 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Bxb5+ axb5 12.Ndxb5 This looks extremely shaky for Black, but after Qc6 13.Nxd6+ Ke7 14.Rhe1 Rd8 15.Nd5+ Kf8⇄ The chances are mutual. Matsukevich, V - Hauff,A ICCF email 2021]
10.Bd2! 1:53 White's initiative on the kingside is coming fast. In particular, g4-g5 is especially annoying because Black has no adequate spot for his knight's retreat. **10...h6** 14:03
[10...Ne5 can be well met by 11.Qe2 Nexg4 *(*Too passive is *11...b5 12.g5 Nfd7 13.f4 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.a3 Bb7 16.h4↑* Ganguly,S - Bharath,S La Plagne 2023*)* 12.f4 b5 13.h3 Nh6 Obviously, the h6-knight is clearly misplaced and it diminishes Black's control of e5. 14.e5 b4 15.exf6 bxc3 16.fxe7 cxd2+ 17.Qxd2↑ Black's king came under strong pressure in Sossai,S - Migliorini, R ICCF email 2012]
11.h4 1:23 The most consistent. As previously, White doesn't mind giving up his g-pawn to open files against his opponent's king.
[Even so, stronger seems 11.a3! Ne5 12.Qg2 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.Be3 Bd7 15.Kb1↑ White has excellent attacking prospects on the kingside. Glatthaar,M - Schaefer,U ICCF email 2012]
11...Ne5 11:08 **12.Qg2** 19:09
[12.Qg3!?]
12...Nexg4 2:58
[12...Nfxg4 13.f4±]
13.Be2 5:09
[Deserving of serious attention is 13.h5!? Rg8 14.Rh3 The knight loses its stability, so there are definitely issues to solve for Black.]
13...h5 1:13 **14.f3** 6:54 The most straightforward choice.
[After 14.Rhg1 g6 15.f3 Ne5 16.Bg5 Bd7 17.f4 Nc6⇄ Black had acceptable play in Gurel,E - Wartiovaara,O Cala Gonone 2022]
14...Ne5 12

(Diagram)

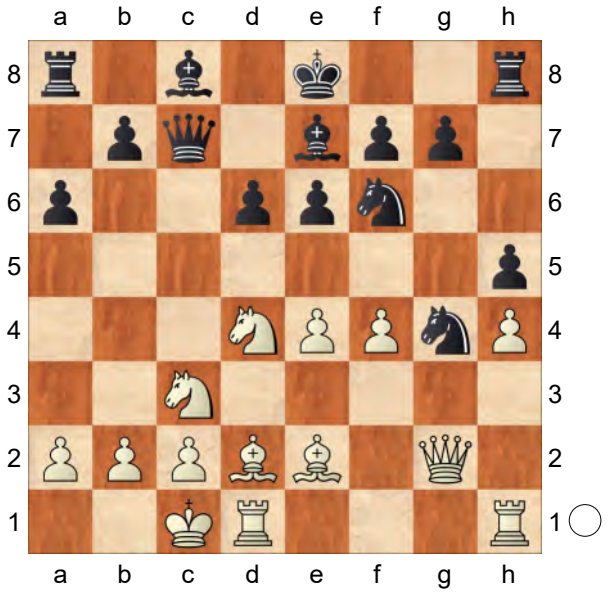


15.f4N 22 A novelty. GM Praggnanandhaa reasonably decides to force matters.

[15.Qxg7 Ng6 16.Rhg1 Rh7 17.Rxg6 *(17.Ncb5? axb5 18.Rxg6 Rxg7-+)* 17...Rxg7 18.Rxg7 e5∓]

[Predecessor: 15.Kb1 Bd7 16.Qxg7 Ng6 17.Rhg1 Rh7 18.Rxg6 Rxg7 19.Rxg7 e5 White's compensation for the queen was questionable in Pettersson, T - Behrendorf,K ICCF email 2016 20.Nb3 Be6 21.Bc1]

15...Neg4 5:58



16.e5! 1:39 No way back! **16...dxe5** 6

17.fxe5 9 **Nxe5** 6:36

[17...Qxe5 was rejected by Parham in view of 18.Nc6! , but actually it was possible too, since bxc6 19.Qxc6+ Nd7 20.Qxa8 0-0 21.Qg2 f5 22.Rhe1 Qd6⇄ is very unclear: Black's passers shouldn't be underestimated!]

18.Qg3! 9:50 And now Bf4 would win. The pin is extremely dangerous, but Black has sufficient defensive resources.

18...Nfg4 3:24 **19.Bf4** 11:57 **f6** 1:34 It is essential to strengthen the e5-knight. **20.Nf3** 3:29

[After 20.Ne4 Bd7 21.Qb3 0-0-0 Black manages to secure his king.]

20...0-0 4:45 **21.Nxe5** 7:23 **fxe5** 25

[21...Nxe5? 22.Bxh5 Kh8 23.Ne4+-]

22.Bd2 20

[Somewhat more natural looks 22.Bg5 b5 23.Bxg4 hxg4 24.Qxg4 Rf5 25.Ne4 Bb7 with an approximate balance.]

22...Qc6?! 10:27 Parham leaves his queenside pieces undeveloped for too long.

[More to the point was 22...b5!= keeps the balance. 23.Bxg4 hxg4 24.Qxg4 Rf5 *(24...Bb7 25.Qxe6+ Rf7 26.Rhg1 Bxh4⇄)*]

23.Bxg4?! 19:23 After this move Black's decision is fully justified.

[23.Rhg1± Bc5 24.Bxg4 Bxg1 25.Rxg1 hxg4 26.Qxg4]

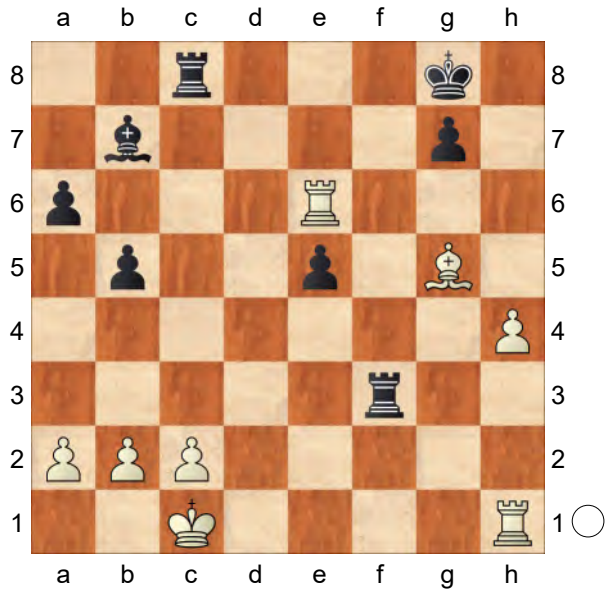
[Much stronger was 23.Bg5! Qe8 24.Bxg4 hxg4 25.Qxg4↑ , and White has a free attack.]

23...hxg4= 17 **24.Qxg4** 26 **Qf3!** 21 Black manages to liquidate into an acceptable endgame. **25.Qxf3** 1:33

Rxf3 6 **26.Bg5** 3

[26.Ne4 b6 27.Bg5 Bb7

offers White no advantage either.]
26...Bb4 10:03 **27.Ne4** 10:09 c3 is the strong threat. **27...b5** 6 **28.Nd6** 2:09 Wards off Bb7 **28...Bxd6** 4:14 The simplest solution. A draw is practically unavoidable now. **29.Rxd6** 2 **Bb7** 7 **30.Rxe6** 1:09 **Rc8** 29



Hoping for ...Rf2. **31.Re1!** 1:35 **Rf2** 1:37 **32.Bd2** 1:43 **e4** 2:00 **33.h5** 40 White is interested in liquidating all the kingside pawns. **33...Rg2** 53 **34.h6** 1:16
[34.c3 seems wilder. a5 35.h6 b4 36.hxg7 Bd5 37.Re5]
34...gxh6 3
[34...Bd5!? 35.Rxa6 Bc4±]
35.Rxh6 2 **Rc6** 6 ...e3! would be deadly. **36.Rh5** 1:05 **b4** 51 **37.b3** 1:12 **Rc7** 1:01 **38.Reh1** 1:09
[Trickier was 38.Re3!?± , but after Rg1+ 39.Kb2 Rg2 40.Reh3 Rc8 Black's position remains safe.]
38...e3! 19 The position is equal.
39.Rh8+ 17
[39.Bxe3 Rcxc2+ 40.Kd1 Bf3+ 41.Ke1 Rge2+ 42.Kf1 Bg2+ 43.Kg1 Re1+ 44.Kh2 Rxh1+ 45.Kg3 Rxh5 46.Bg1 Rh3+ 47.Kf4 Re2 48.Kg4 Kf7 49.Kf5 Re4]
39...Kf7 26 **40.R8h7+** 45
[40.Bxe3 Rcxc2+ 41.Kd1 Bf3+ 42.Ke1 Rge2+ 43.Kf1 Bg2+ 44.Kg1 Re1+ 45.Kh2 Rxh1+ 46.Kg3 Rxh8 47.Kf4 Rh3 48.Bd4 Re2 49.Kf5 Rf3+ 50.Kg5 Re6]
40...Ke6 30
[40...Rg7 41.Rf1+ *(41.Bxb4 Bxh1 42.Rxh1 Rc8-+)* 41...Kg8 42.Rxg7+ Kxg7 43.Bxb4± *(43.Bxe3 Be4±)*]
41.R1h6+ 7:18 **Kf5** 2:14
[41...Ke5!?= 42.Rxc7 *(42.Bxe3 Rcxc2+ 43.Kd1 Bf3+ 44.Ke1 Rge2+ 45.Kf1 Bg2+ 46.Kg1 Re1+ 47.Kh2 Be4+)* 42...exd2+ 43.Kb2 d1Q 44.a4 bxa3+ Deflection 45.Kxa3 Qc1+
A) 46.Kb4 Qxh6 47.Re7+ Kd6 48.Re8 *(48.Rf7 Rxc2 49.Ka5 Qh5+ 50.Kb6 Qxf7 51.Ka5 Qc7+ 52.Kb4 Qc5+ 53.Ka4 Bc6#)* 48...Qd2+ 49.Ka3 Qxc2 50.Rd8+ Kc6 51.Rh8 Qb2+ 52.Ka4 Rg4+ 53.Ka5 Qe5#;
B) 46.Ka2
B1) 46...Rxc2+ 47.Rxc2 Qxc2+ 48.Ka3 Qc1+ 49.Kb4 Qxh6 *(49...Qf4+ 50.Ka3 Qxh6 51.Kb4 Qd2+ 52.Ka3 Bd5 53.Ka4 Qc3 54.b4 Qa1#)* 50.Kc3 Be4 51.Kb4 Qd2+ 52.Ka4 Bd5 53.Ka3 a5 54.Ka4 Qb4#;
B2) 46...Qxh6 47.Kb2 Qd2 48.Rc5+ Bd5 49.Ka3 Qc1+ 50.Ka4 Rxc2 51.Rxd5+ Kxd5 52.Ka5 Qh6 53.Kb4 Qb6+ 54.Ka4 Ra2#]
42.Rh5+ 22 **Ke6** 1:53
[42...Kg4 43.Rg5+ *(43.Rxc7* gets mated. *exd2+ 44.Kb2 d1Q; 43.Bxe3 Rcxc2+ 44.Kb1 Rb2+ 45.Kc1 Rgc2+ 46.Kd1 Bf3+ 47.Ke1 Rb1+; 43.Rh4+ Kf5=)*

A) 43...Kf4 44.Bxe3+ Decoy *(44.Rxc7? exd2+ 45.Kb2 Rxg5-+)* 44...Kxe3 45.Re5+ *(45.Rxc7 Rxg5 46.Rxb7 a5±)* 45...Kf4 46.Rxc7+-;

B) 43...Kxg5 44.Bxe3+ *(44.Rxc7 exd2+ 45.Kb2 d1Q 46.Rg7+ Kh5 47.Rxg2 Bxg2 48.a3 Be4 49.axb4 Qxc2+ 50.Ka3 Bd5 51.Ka4 Qa2#)* 44...Kg4 45.Rxc7±]

43.R5h6+= 15

[43.R7h6+ Kf7 44.Rh7+ *(44.Bxb4 Rcxc2+ 45.Kb1 Rb2+ 46.Ka1 Rxa2+ 47.Kb1 Be4+ 48.Kc1 Ra1#)* 44...Kg8 45.Rh8+ *(45.Rxc7 exd2+ 46.Kb2 d1Q 47.Rh4 Rg1)* 45...Kg7

A) 46.Bxe3 Rcxc2+ 47.Kd1 Bf3+ 48.Ke1 Rge2+ 49.Kf1 Bxh5 50.Rxh5 *(50.Rh6 Rxe3 51.Rxh5 Rf3+ 52.Kg1 Rd3 53.Rf5 Rxa2 54.Rf4 Rxb3 55.Rf1 Rd3 56.Kh1 b3 57.Rg1+ Kh6 58.Rf1 b2 59.Rf6+ Kg7 60.Rb6 Rd2 61.Rb7+ Kf6 62.Rb6+ Kg5 63.Re6 b1Q+)* 50...Rxe3 51.Rg5+ Kf6 52.Rd5 Rxa2 53.Rd1 Rxb3 54.Kg1 Rbb2 55.Kh1 b3 56.Kg1 Rc2 57.Rd6+ Ke5 58.Rd1 b2 59.Re1+ Kf6 60.Rf1+ Kg5 61.Kh1 Ra1 62.Kg1 Rxf1+ Remove Defender, Back Rank 63.Kxf1 b1Q#;

B) 46.R5h7+ Kg6=;

C) 46.R8h7+ Kg8 47.Rh8+ Kg7 48.R8h7+ Kg8=]

[43.Bxe3? Rcxc2+ 44.Kd1 Bf3+ 45.Ke1 Rge2+ 46.Kf1 Bxh5-+]

43...Kf5 6 **44.Rh5+** 5 **Ke6** 5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.08 (flawless)

½-½

43 **D37**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**

■ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2830**

Wch Rapid Samarkand (4) 26.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3 Nc6 9.Qc2 Re8 10.Rd1 -0.11/18

[10.0-0-0± 0.48/20]

10...e5!= 11.Bg5 d4 12.Nd5 The position is equal. **12...Be7 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Bd3 g6 15.Nxf6+**

[15.0-0 Bg7 16.h3 f5 17.e4 Rf8 18.Rfe1 f4 19.b4 h5 20.b5 Na5 21.c5 g5 22.h4 gxh4 23.c6 h3 24.cxb7 Nxb7 25.Qc7 Bg4 26.Qxb7 Rf7 27.Qa6 Kh7 28.Bf1 Rd7 29.Rc1 Bxf3 1-0 Ter Sahakyan,S (2618)-Aditya,M (2591) Karaganda Akim Cup 2024 (2)]

15...Qxf6 16.Be4N

[16.0-0 Be6 17.Be4 Rad8 18.b4 D 37/42 2003]

16...Bf5 17.Bxf5 -0.56/23

[17.0-0!= 0.02/22]

17...gxf5∓ 18.exd4 Nxd4 19.Qc3 -1.65/20

[19.Nxd4∓ -0.66/20 exd4+ 20.Kf1]

19...Rad8-+ 20.Rd2 Qg6 21.Kf1 -1.97/18

[21.Kd1∓ -1.40/21]

21...f4 22.Ne1 -2.38/16

[⌓22.h4 -1.93/17]

22...Qa6 -1.31/20

[Black should try 22...Qe6-+ -2.38/16 Hoping for ...Rd8-c8. 23.h3 Rc8]

23.h4? -3.18/19

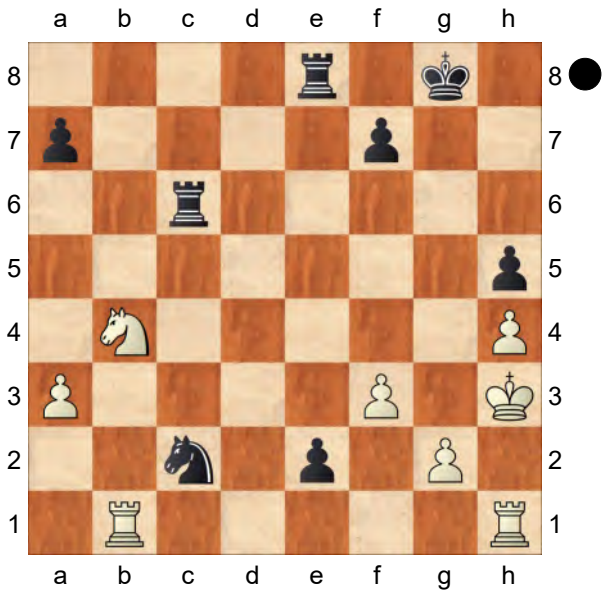
[23.g3∓ -1.31/20 keeps fighting.]

23...Rc8 24.b3 b5!

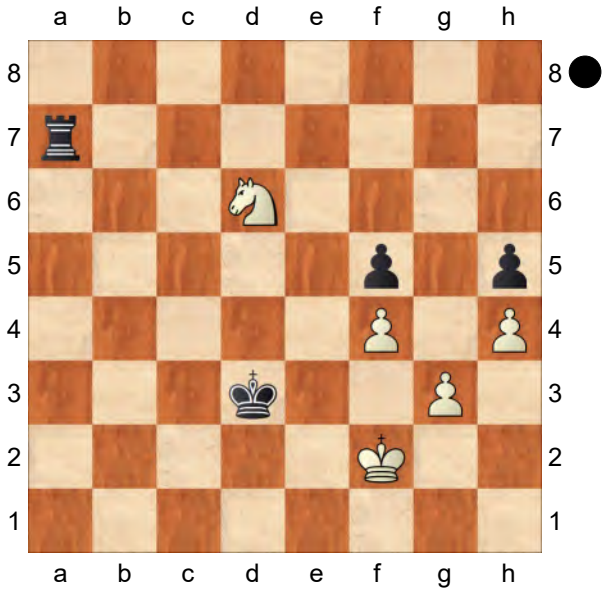
[24...Qxa3 25.g3∓]

25.Kg1 bxc4

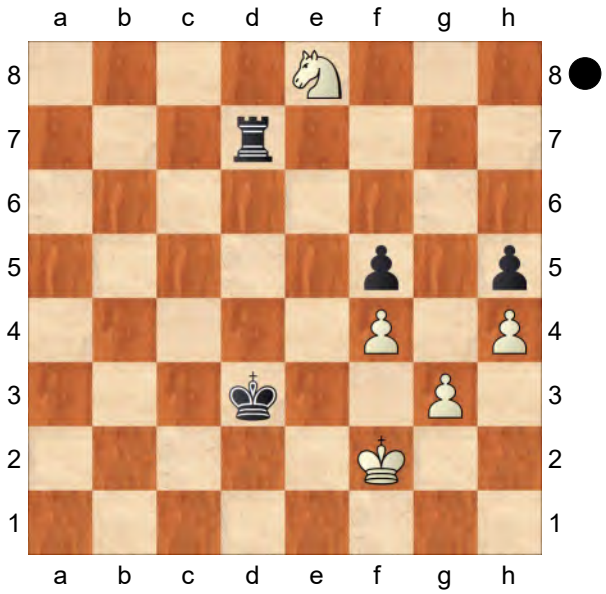
[25...Qxa3 26.Rh3-+]
26.bxc4 Rxc4 27.Qh3 Qe6 White must now prevent ...Qe6xh3. **28.Kh2 Qxh3+ 29.Kxh3 e4** Wards off Ne1-f3 **30.f3 e3 31.Rd1 h5 32.Nd3 e2 33.Rb1 Rc3**
[33...Nc2 34.Ne1-+]
34.Nxf4 Nc2? -0.10/21
[34...Rxa3 35.Nxh5 Re5 36.Nf6+ Kg7 37.Ng4]
[34...Nxf3 35.Nd5 Rd3 *(35...e1Q 36.Rhxe1 Nxe1+ 37.Nxc3=; 35...Rxa3 36.gxf3 Rxf3+ 37.Kg2=; 35...Nd2+ 36.Nxc3 Re3+ 37.Kh2=)* 36.gxf3 Rxd5 37.Kg3∓]
[34...Kf8-+ -3.27/21 35.a4 Rce3 36.Nxe2 Nxe2 *(36...Rxe2? 37.Rhd1-+)*]
35.Nd5= Rc6 36.Nb4



Nxa3! 37.Nxc6 Nxb1 38.Rxb1 e1Q
[38...e1R 39.Rxe1 Rxe1 40.Nxa7∓]
39.Rxe1 Rxe1 40.Nxa7 Endgame. KR-KN **40...f5 41.Kg3 Kf7 42.Nc6 Kf6 43.f4 Rd1 44.Kf3 Ke6 45.Ke3 Re1+ 46.Kf2 Re4 47.g3 Kd5 48.Ne5 Ra4 49.Nf7 Ra2+ 50.Kf3 Ra7 51.Ng5 Kd4 52.Ke2 Ra2+ 53.Kf3 Ra3+ 54.Kf2 Kd3 55.Ne6 Ra1 56.Nc5+ Kc4 57.Ne6 Kd5** (→ ...Ra1-a2+) **58.Ng5! Ra6 59.Ke3 Kc4 60.Nf7 Re6+ 61.Kf2 Kd3 62.Ne5+ Ke4 63.Nf7 Ra6 64.Ng5+ Kd3 65.Nf7 Ra7 66.Ng5 Ra2+ 67.Kf3 Kd2 68.Kf2 Rc2 69.Ne6 Kd3+ 70.Kf3 Rc3 71.Kf2 Rc6 72.Ng5! Ra6 73.Nf7 Ra2+ 74.Kf3 Ra3 75.Kf2 Ra7 76.Nd6?** -8.41/34
[76.Ne5+= -0.10/33 Ke4 77.Kf1]



76...Rd7!-+ Black is clearly winning.
77.Ne8



Rf7! 78.Nd6 Rf6 79.Ne8 Rg6 80.Kf3

Kc4 81.Kf2 Kc5 82.Nc7 Kc6 83.Na6 Rd6 And now ...Rd6-d4 would win. **84.Ke3 Kb5 85.Nc7+ Kb6 86.Na8+ Kb7** -#31/25 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.24 (precise)

[86...Kc6-+ -11.39/22 87.Kf3 Rd8 88.Ke3 Rxa8 89.Kd4 Kd6 90.Kc4 Ra3 91.Kb4 Rxg3 92.Kc4 Rh3 93.Kd4 Rxh4 94.Ke3 Rg4 95.Kf2 h4 *(95...Rxf4+* leads to mate. *96.Ke3 Ke5 97.Ke2 h4 98.Ke3 h3 99.Kd2 h2 100.Kc2 h1Q 101.Kd2 Rf3 102.Ke2 Qg2+ 103.Ke1 Rf1#)* 96.Ke3 h3 *(96...Rg3+* gets mated. *97.Ke2 h3 98.Kf2 Rg2+ 99.Ke3 h2 100.Kd4 h1Q 101.Kc4 Rc2+ 102.Kb5 Qb7+ 103.Ka5 Ra2#)* 97.Ke2 h2 *(97...Rxf4 98.Ke3 Rg4 99.Ke2 h2 100.Kf1 h1Q+ 101.Ke2 Qh3 102.Ke1 Rg2 103.Kf1 Qh1#; 97...Rg2+* is a self mate. *98.Ke3 h2 99.Kd3 h1Q 100.Kc4 Qc1+ 101.Kd4 Rd2+ 102.Ke3 Qc3#)* 98.Kd3 Rg3+ *(98...h1R 99.Ke3 Kc5 100.Ke2 Rh2+ 101.Kf3 Ra2 102.Ke3 Rg3#)* 99.Kc4 h1Q *(99...h1R 100.Kd4 Rh7 101.Kc4 Rb7 102.Kd4 Rb4#)* 100.Kb4 Qb1+ 101.Ka4 Rh3 102.Ka5 Ra3#]

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44 **A22**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**

■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2727**

86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (3.7)

[David Cummings,MH]

A22: English Opening: 1...e5 2 Nc3 Nf6

1.c4 3 **e5** 20 **2.Nc3** 7 **Nf6** 9 **3.Nf3** 5 **e4** 9 **4.Ng5** 2:18 **c6** 15 A high-profile outing for the Adhiban gambit. **5.Qa4** 13:28 This move has been gaining some traction recently. Hitherto, the mainline has been:

[5.Ngxe4 Nxe4 6.Nxe4 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Ng3 h5 9.e3 h4 10.Ne2 Nc6 11.d4 which is examined in Gines Esteo-Durarbayli, and other games in the Archives. In practice, this line has proven quite tricky for White to play, however, and Black has scored more than 50% from this position. Qf6 12.Bd2 *(12.Nc3 Qg6 13.f3 Bd6 14.Kf2 Bg3+ 15.Kg1 Bd6 16.Kf2 Bg3+ 17.Kg1 Bd6 18.Nb5 Bb8 19.Bd3 Qf6 20.Nc3 Be6 21.Kf2 0-0 22.f4 Re8 23.Qf3 Nxd4 24.exd4 Bg4 25.Re1 Qxd4+ 26.Be3 Qxd3* ½-½ 8. ♗e3 b6 9. ♕d2 ♖e8 (2564)-Brachtel,R (2598) 45: Lloyds Bank London 1994 (10.4)*)* 12...Bd6 13.a3 Bf5 14.Rc1 Rd8 15.Nc3 Qg6 16.Qf3 h3 17.g3 Bg4 18.Qxd5 0-0 19.Qb5 Rfe8 20.Be2 Nxd4 21.exd4 Rxe2+ 22.Nxe2 Qe4 23.Bg5 Re8 24.Be3 a6 25.Qa4 b5 26.Qxa6 1-0 Aronian,L (2816)-Ivanchuk,V (2769) Olympiad-40 Istanbul 2012 (5.1)]

5...Qe7 15 The alternative:

[5...b5 6.cxb5 d5! 7.bxc6 Qb6 is covered in Hamitevici-Laurent Paoli in the Archives.]

6.f3N 1:44 A rare sideline that soon leads to a complex tactical slugfest! Instead:

[6.Qc2 aims to capture the e4-pawn under more favourable circumstances than on move 5. b5! 7.cxb5 d5 8.e3 and now:

A) 8...Qe5 9.f4 Qc7! 10.b3 h6 11.Nh3 when Black has tried:

A1) 11...a6 12.Bb2 cxb5? 0.87/18 *(12...axb5 13.Nxb5 Qb7 14.Nc3 Bxh3 15.gxh3*

Be7! gives Black some compensation in view of White's broken kingside structure, but I would still pick White here.*; 12...axb5*= 0.04/21 remains equal. *13.Nxb5* Pin *Qb7)* 13.Rc1!± Bxh3 14.gxh3 aiming for Nc3xe4! Qb7 15.Ne2 Nbd7 16.Rg1 and White had pressure on both sides of the board in De Jong, J (2408)-Grutter,T (2337) Netherlands 2023 1-0 (41);

A2) 11...Qb7 12.Bb2 Be7 13.Rc1 c5 1.05/19 *(13...Bd7!±* 0.63/20 is more appropriate.*)* 14.Na4± Bxh3? 2.54/20 *(14...Nbd7±* 1.06/18 *)* 15.Nxc5!+- Qc8 16.gxh3 left White in control, Daneshvar,B (2577)-Muradli,M (2546) Baku 2023 1-0 (55)

B) 8...h6 9.Nh3 c5 0.68/21 *(9...Qc7*= 0.20/20 should be considered.*)* 10.d3± exd3 11.Bxd3 gave Black insufficient compensation in Aravindh-Adhiban, see the game in the Archives. g6 12.Nf4 Bb7 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Rd1 0-0 15.Be2 Rd8 16.Bf3 d4 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.exd4 cxd4 19.Nfe2 Qe7 20.Na4 Re8 21.Ng3 Qb4 22.Bd2 Qxb5 23.Nc5 Rc8 24.b4 Na6 25.Rac1 Nxb4 26.Qb3 ½-½ Burry,S (2641)-Brachtel,R (2660) TCh-RUS Rapid 2015 Sochi (rapid) (3.2) Rxc5 27.Rxc5 Qxc5 28.Bxb4 Qb6 29.Qc4 Ng4 30.h3 Ne5 31.Qc5 Rd8 32.Ne4 Nc6 33.Bd2 Qxc5 34.Nxc5 Ne5 35.Bf4 Nc4 36.Nd3 g5 37.Bg3 f5 38.Rc1 Na3 39.f4 Rd5 40.Rc8+ Kh7 41.Rc7 0-1 Aravindh,C (2580)-Wagner,D (2558) (open) 137/148 Biel 2018 Nb5 42.Rb7 Kg6 43.a4 Nc3 44.Rxa7 Ne4 45.Be1 Bf6 46.Kf1 Rd8 47.Rc7 Rb8 48.Bb4 Nc3 49.Rc6 Kf7 50.a5 Nd5 51.Bd2 Rb3 52.Ke2 Nc3+ 53.Bxc3 dxc3 54.a6 Ra3 55.Nb4 Ra4 56.Rc7+ ½-½ Aravindh,C (2641)-Adhiban,B (2660) Meltwater Indian Qualfier chess24.com INT rapid 2021 (3.2)]

6...exf3 7 **7.Nxf3** 3:18 **g6** 51 An earlier online game had seen:

[7...d6 8.g3 -0.23/23 *(8.d4* is preferable*; 8.d3* 0.17/25 was preferrable.*)* 8...Nbd7= 9.Bg2 g6 10.d3 Bg7 11.0-0 0-0 leaves Black for choice, thanks to White's loosened structure, Isajevsky,A (2404) -Harshavardhan,G (2413) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (40)]

8.d4 1:40 The position is equal. **8...Bg7** 1:31 **9.c5** -0.44/20 7:57 A more accurate move order was:

[9.Bf4= 0.06/20]

9...0-0 0.12/20 4:03

[⌓9...b6! undermines White's pawn chain. After 10.cxb6 Strongly threatening Qa4xa7! d5 Black has good compensation.]

[9...b6!∓ -0.44/20 10.cxb6 Na6]

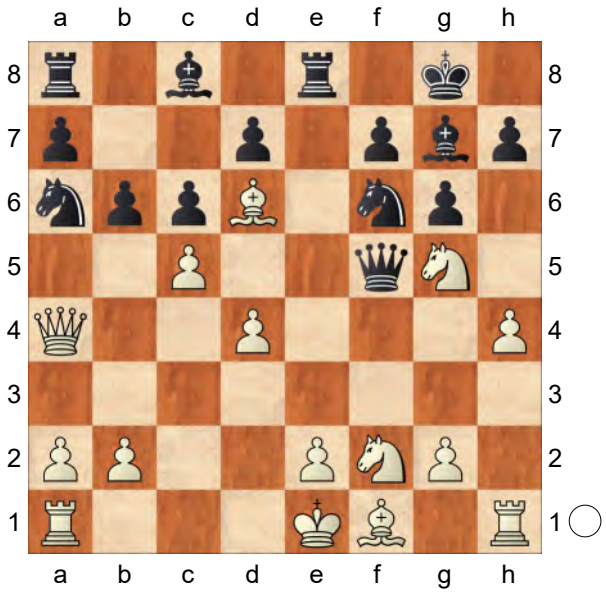
10.Bf4= 44 transposing back to the game **10...Na6!?** 6:40 Abdusattorov offers an exchange sacrifice.

[10...b5!? 11.Qa5 *(11.cxb6* -0.61/20 11.Qa4-c2 0.34 *Ba6=)* 11...Na6=]

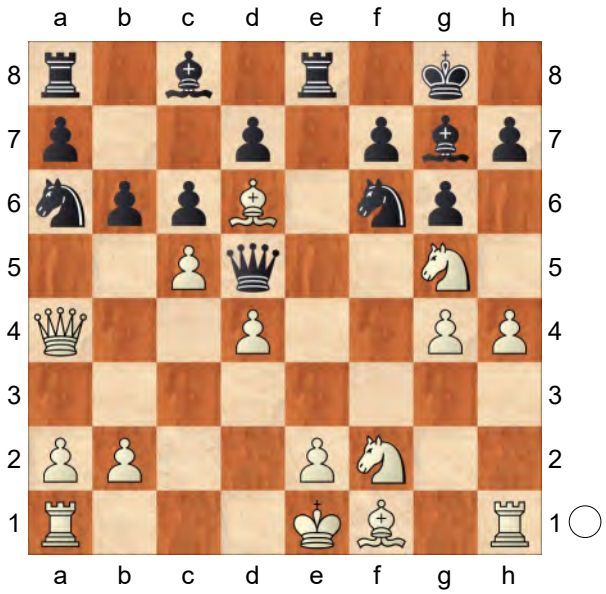
11.Bd6 5:55 **Qe3** 0.70/20 3:19 It turns out that this pushes White's c3-knight to a better square. Instead: **12.Nd1!±** 5:55 **Qe6** 18:22 **13.Nf2?!** -0.43/19 11:52 This makes it harder for White to unravel on the kingside. Instead:

[13.Bxf8± is also possible, for

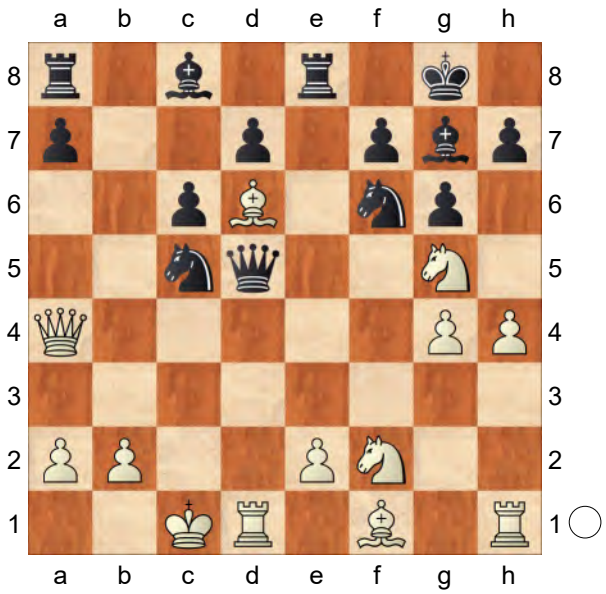
example Bxf8 14.e3 *(14.a3 b5 15.Qc2* and it doesn't look like Black gets enough for the material. *)*]
[13.e3 b5 14.Qa3 Threatens to win with B f 1 - d 3 ! Nd5 15.Bd3! is much better for White according to Abdusattorov]
[White should play 13.e3± 0.81/22]
13...Re8 8:46 **14.h4** 16:32
[14.Be5∓]
14...b6! 8:35 **15.Ng5** 6:23 Repels Nf6-e4 **15...Qf5** 0.85/20 9:16
[15...Qd5∓ keeps the pressure on. was better, and if 16.0-0-0! e2-e4 would now be deadly. Qf5! (now hitting the f2-knight) with a tough fight ahead.]
[15...Qd5∓ -0.43/22 stays ahead. 16.0-0-0 bxc5 17.dxc5 Qf5 *(17...Nxc5? 18.Qa3+-)*]



Giving White a tempo for kingside expansion. Here: **16.g4!±** 6:16 **Qd5** 1.39/19 5:47
[⌓16...Nxg4 17.Nxg4 Qxg4 18.Qb3! striking at the tender f7-square.]
[16...Nxg4± 0.64/22 17.Nxg4 Qxg4]

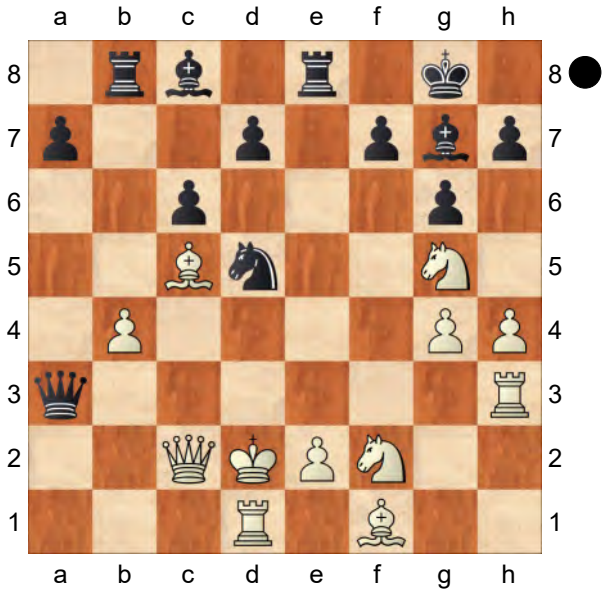


Or: **17.0-0-0!** 1:40 **bxc5?** 2.05/19 1:05
[17...Re3±]
[17...Re3± 1.27/21 was necessary.]
18.dxc5+- 6:13 **Nxc5** 1:10

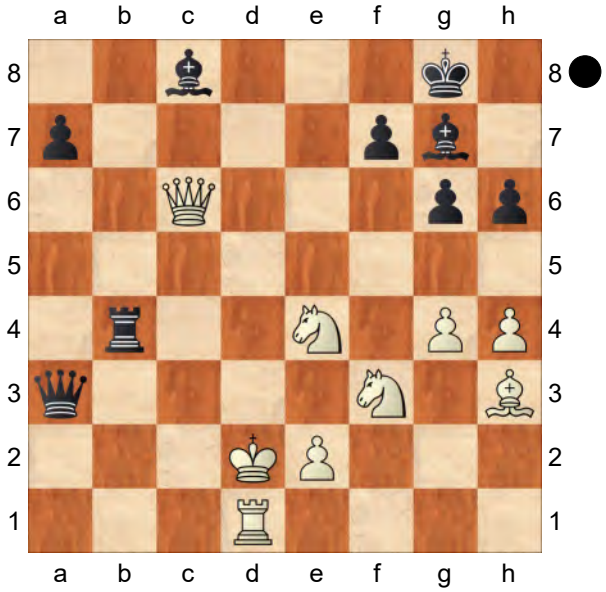


19.Qc2 -1.33/18 4:03 White was well on top, but after this, the tables turn completely!
[White has to play 19.Qa3!+- Qc4+ 20.Kb1! leaves Black's queen very short of squares.]
[White has to play 19.Qa3!+- 2.27/21 Qc4+ 20.Kb1 Nxg4 21.e4 *(21.Bxc5 d6=; 21.Qxc5 Qxc5 22.Bxc5 Ne3±)*]

19...Qxa2∓ 6 Suddenly Black has a very powerful, and probably winning attack! **20.Bxc5** 4
[20.Qxc5? -4.64/22 20.Bd6xc5 -1.17 too greedy. Nxg4 21.Qa3 Qxa3 22.bxa3 Nxf2-+]
20...Rb8 -0.89/21 9
[20...Nd5! was more precise (Abdusattorov)]
[⌓20...Nd5! -1.33/22 21.Rh3 *(21.e4? Rb8-+)* 21...Qa1+ 22.Kd2 Qa5+ *(22...Qxb2 23.Qxb2 Bxb2 24.Nge4±)* 23.Kc1 Rb8]
21.b4 16 **Qa3+** 6:21 **22.Kd2!** 1:19 Now Black unleashes a creative and crushing sequence. **22...Nd5!→** 6:02 Black is out for blood. **23.Rh3** 2:27



Wards off Bg7-c3+ **23...Re3** 1:56 A stunning move that cuts across all of White's lines of communication. Deflection. Chess con chili. Black is more active. **24.Nfe4** 5:55 Or:
[24.Bxe3?? -#4/21 24.Rh3xe3 -0.73 leads to mate. Bc3+ *(24...Qxb4+ 25.Kc1 Bb2+ 26.Kb1 Bc3+* and it is mate in 2. *)* 25.Kd3 Rxb4]
[24.Nge4!∓ Rxh3! 25.Bxh3]
[24.Rxe3 Nxe3 25.Qd3 Qxd3+ 26.exd3 Nxd1 27.Nxd1 d5 and Black is much better, despite the roughly balanced material.]
[24.Bxe3 Bc3+ *(24...Rxb4? 25.Bc5+-* Discovered Attack*)* 25.Kd3 Rxb4 *(25...Qxb4?! 26.Qa2±; 25...Nxb4+? 26.Ke4-+; 25...Qxb4?! 26.Qa2=; 25...Nxb4+? 26.Ke4-+)*]
[24.Nge4 Rxh3]
24...Rxh3! 4:57 **25.Bxh3** 1 **h6!** 2:26
26.Nf3 -2.45/20 1:15
[26.Nxf7 Qxh3 27.Nfd6 is a bit more tenacious]
[26.Nxf7∓ -1.19/19 Nxb4 *(26...Kxf7 27.Rf1+ Kg8 28.Rf3=; 26...Qxh3 27.Nfd6∓)* 27.Nxh6+ Remove Defender *(27.Qc4? d5-+)* 27...Bxh6+ 28.g5 Nxc2 *(28...Qxh3? 29.Nf6+ Kf7 30.Qe4+-)* 29.Bxa3 Nxa3 30.gxh6]
26...Nxb4-+ 1:57
[26...d6? -0.05/18 26...Nd5xb4 -2.43 27.Bxd6 Nxb4 28.Bxb4 *(28.Qc1* -1.33/20 28.Bd6xb4 0.08 *Bb2∓)* 28...Rxb4 29.Ke1= *(29.Qxc6?* -4.66/22 29.Kd2-e1 0.06



too greedy. *Rxe4! 30.Qxc8+ Kh7-+)*]
27.Qc1 5:54

[27.Rb1 was the only defense. Nxc2 Discovered Attack 28.Bxa3 Rxb1 29.Kxc2]

27...Qa5 6:17 (→ ...Nb4-d5+) **28.Ke3** 5 **d5** 34 White's king is hopelessly exposed. **29.Ned2** -4.47/21 58

[Reject 29.Nd6? -4.31/22 29.Ne4-g3 -2.59 Bb2 Deflection 30.Qxb2 Qxc5+ 31.Kd2 Hoping for Qb2-e5. Qxd6-+]

[29.Ng3 -2.65/22 keeps fighting. h5 30.Bxb4 *(30.Kf2 hxg4 31.h5 gxf3-+)* 30...Qxb4 *(30...Rxb4 31.Qxc6 Rc4 32.Qe8+ Bf8 33.Ne5=)* 31.Qxc6 hxg4 32.Bxg4 *(32.Qe8+? Bf8-+)* 32...Bxg4 33.Rxd5]

29...h5 -2.60/19 3:12

[⌓29...Bb2 30.Bxb4 Remove Defender Qxb4 31.Qxc6 Bb7]

[⌓29...Bb2 -4.47/21 30.Bxb4 Qxb4 *(30...Rxb4 31.Qxc6∓)*]

30.Kf2 -3.88/20 31

[⌓30.gxh5 Black must now prevent Bh3xc8. Bxh3 31.hxg6 fxg6 32.Bxb4]

[30.gxh5 -2.60/19 might work better. Na2 *(30...Bxh3 31.hxg6 fxg6 32.Bxb4-+)* 31.Qa3 Qxa3+ 32.Bxa3 Bxh3 33.hxg6 fxg6 34.Re1]

30...hxg4 15

[Not 30...Bxg4 31.Kg3-+]

31.Nb3 4 **Qc7** 37 Black is clearly winning. **32.Qd2** 56 **gxf3** 40 Winning the piece back, and leaving Black with a lot of extra pawns. **33.Bxc8** 5 **fxe2** 31 **34.Kxe2** -6.95/19 52

[⌓34.Qxe2 -4.25/17 Qxc8 35.Bd6]

34...Qxc8 8 Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.29 (precise)

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45 **D35**

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■ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2771**

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[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3**

[3.g3 a6 4.Bg2 b5 5.b3 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nc3 b4 9.Na4 d6 10.d4 Be4 11.a3 a5 12.Ne1 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 d5 14.Qc2 bxa3 15.Bxa3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nc6 17.e3 e5 Espig,L (2429)-Van Wely,L (2654) Deutschland 91/(25) 2003]

3...d5 4.d4N

[4.e3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nxd5 exd5 7.b4 cxb4 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.Rc1 Be6 10.Nd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 f6 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.Qh5+ Bf7 14.Qg4 0-0 15.Qf5 g6 16.Qxf6 Qxf6 17.Bxf6 d4 18.Bxd4 Bxa2 1-0 Model Games-Parligras,M Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]

4...Be7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.e3 Bf5 0.35/19

[7...Nh5= -0.06/18]

8.Nh4± 8.h3 is not played anymore. 8.h3 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt.

8...Bg4 9.Qc2 -0.03/18

[9.Qb3± 0.33/19 should be considered.]

9...Nh5= White must now prevent ... Nh5xf4. **10.h3** The position is equal.

10...Be6 Strongly threatening ...Nh5xf4.

11.Nf3 Nxf4 12.exf4 Bd6 13.g3N

[Vorgänger: 13.f5 Bd7 14.Bd3 0-0 15.0-0 Na6 16.Bxa6 bxa6 17.Rae1 -0.01/16 *(17.Ne5± 0.39/19* might be stronger.*)* 17...Qf6= 18.g4 h5 19.Kg2 ½-½ Ypma,H-Kelbl,J (1871) Van Perlo Memorial-B email

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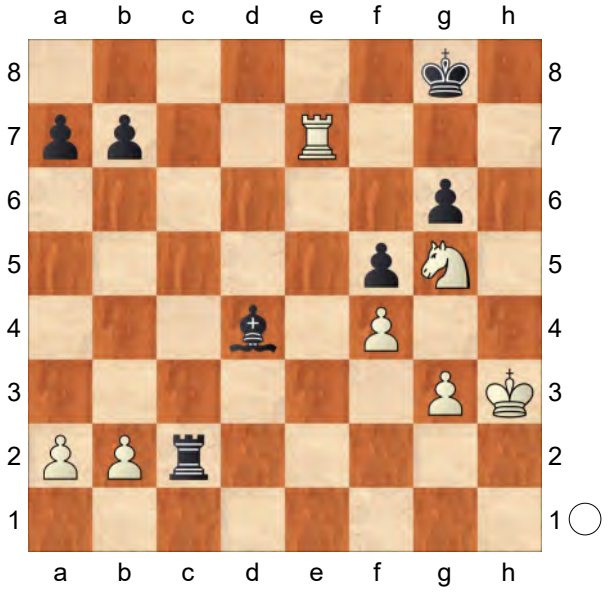
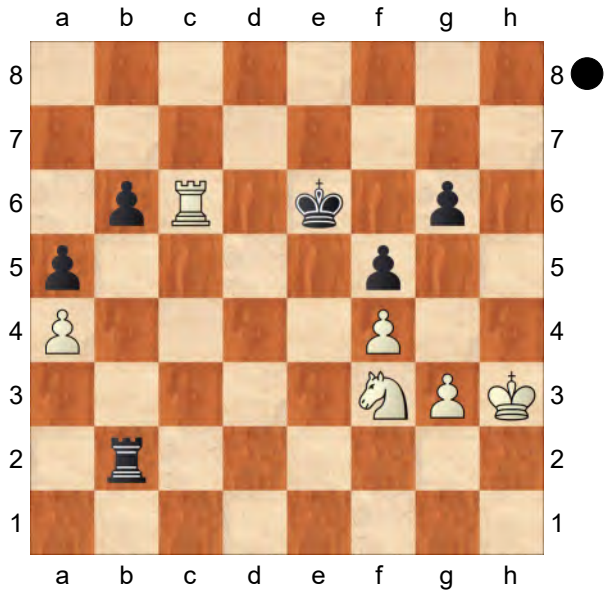
13...g6 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Kf1 Qf6 16.Kg2 0-0 17.h4 c5 0.68/18
[17...h5= 0.10/18]
18.Nb5 Be7 19.dxc5 White is more active. **19...Nxc5 20.Nbd4 Rac8 21.h5**
[21.Nxe6 simplifies Nxe6 22.Qd2 h5 23.Rad1]
21...Ne4 22.Qe2 Bc5 23.Nxe6 Qxe6 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Bxe4 Qxe4 26.Qxe4 -0.20/18
[26.Rhe1± 0.58/21]
26...dxe4= 27.Ng5 Rfe8 28.Rae1 e3 29.fxe3 Rxe3 30.Rxe3 Bxe3 Endgame. KRB-KRN **31.Re1 Bd4 32.Re7 Rc2+ 33.Kh3 f5?** 4.71/23
[33...Bf6!= 0.01/23 and Black is okay. 34.Rxb7 Rxb2 35.Rxa7 Bxg5 36.fxg5 Kf8]



White stays focused until the end.
34.Re8+!+-
[Stronger than 34.Rxb7 Rxb2 35.Rd7 Bf6=]
34...Kg7 35.Ne6+ Kf7 36.Nxd4 KRN-KR **36...Rd2 37.Rd8 Rxb2 38.Rd7+ Kf6 39.Nf3 Ke6 40.Rg7 Kf6 41.Rc7** Intending Nf3-g5 and mate.
41...Ke6 42.a4 a5 43.Rc5 b6 44.Rc6+



Skewer **44...Kd5 45.Rxg6 Rb4 46.Ne5 Ke4 47.Kh4 Rxa4 48.Rxb6 Ra1 49.Kg5 Ra3 50.Kh4** -0.01/19
[White should try 50.g4+- 5.84/20 fxg4 51.Nxg4 *(51.Kxg4 Ra2+-)*]
50...Ra1!= 51.Rb3 Wards off Ra1-a3. White is clearly winning. **51...a4 52.Rb4+ Kd5** 7.08/23
[⌓52...Ke3 4.80/22 53.Kg5 Kd2 54.Kxf5 Kc3]
53.Kg5+- a3 54.Kxf5 Rg1 55.Rb5+ Kd4 56.Nf3+ Kc4 57.Ra5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.38
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46 **A29**
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■ **Puranik,Abhimanyu Sameer** **2629**
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[Kitty Kat]

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3 **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3**
[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 *(5...d5 6.cxd5*

Nxd5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.dxc3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 h6 12.Be3 a5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.e4 a4 15.Bf1 Bg4 16.Kg2 Na5 17.Be3 c6 18.h3 Be6 19.Bb6 Nc4 20.Bxc4 ½-½ Locci,D-Romanishin,O Bratto op 2009 (1) *)* 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Bh3 14.Re1 Rb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Be4 Qd7 17.Qc5 Bd4 18.Qa5 Rb5 ½-½ Dragon Variation,Y (2550)-Stamnov,A (2561) USSR 45/(175) 1988 (3)]

4...Bb4N

[4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Nd2 Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5 A 29/15 2000]

[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Re1 h6 10.Bb2 Be6 11.Rc1 Qd7 12.a3 a5 13.Nb5 Rac8 14.e4 Bh3 15.d4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 exd4 17.Nbxd4 Nxe4 0-1 Livanez-Litvin,A (2425) (m/1) 96/87 Khanty Mansiysk 2005]

5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 e4 7.Ng5 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Re8 9.f3 exf3 10.Nxf3 Qe7 11.e3 d6 12.Nd4 Ne5 13.d3 c5 14.Nf5 The position is equal. **14...Bxf5 15.Rxf5 d5 16.cxd5 c4 17.d4** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **17...Nd3** A dynamic duo of knights. **18.Bd2** Qd1-a4 is the strong threat. **18...Ne4 19.Bxe4 Qxe4 20.Qf3**

[20.Qf1 seems wilder. Re7 21.d6 Rd7 22.a4]

20...Qxf3 21.Rxf3 Rad8 22.Rb1 Rxd5 23.Rxb7 f6 24.Kf1 Ra5 25.Ke2 Rxa2 26.Rf1 Wards off Nd3-c1+ **26...a5 27.Rc7 Nb2 28.g4 h6 29.h4 Re6N** 0.73/20

[Vorgänger: 29...a4 30.g5 hxg5 31.hxg5 fxg5 Hoping for ...Nb2-d3. 32.Rff7 Nd3 aiming for ...Nd3-f4+. 33.Rxg7+ ½-½ Marczykoski,P (1872)-Jorgensen,P (2334) Champion's League 2021/C3 email ICCF email]

[29...Kh8= 0.01/23]

30.Rb1 0.34/20

[30.d5± 0.73/20 Rb6 31.Rc8+ Kh7 32.Rg1]

30...Kh7 31.Kf3 Nd3 32.Be1 Ra6 1.00/20

[32...a4± 0.46/22]

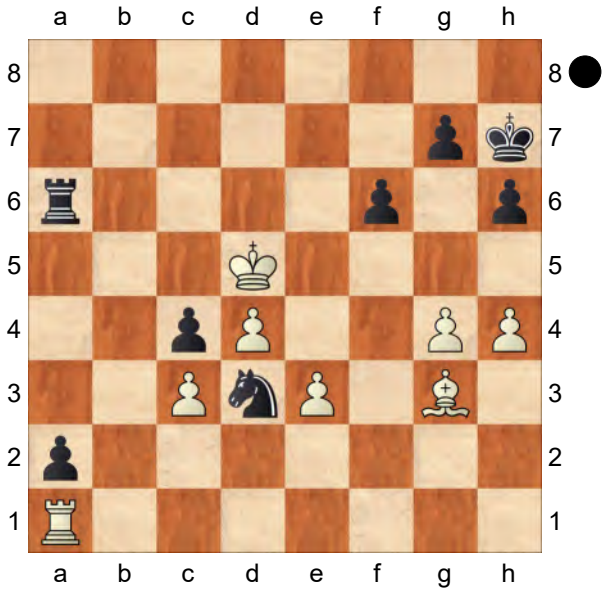
33.Bg3±

[33.Rxc4 a4 34.Ke4 Rb2]

33...Rb2 34.Rxb2 Nxb2 Endgame. KRB-KRN **35.Rb7** -0.01/23 Prevents a5-a4. White has more active pieces.

[White should play 35.d5± 0.78/22 Black must now prevent d5-d6. a4 36.d6]

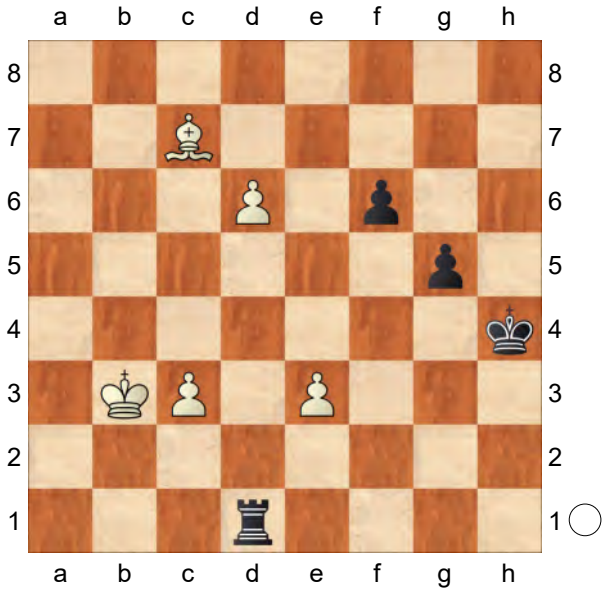
35...Nd3!= 36.Ke4 a4 37.Kd5 a3 38.Rb1! a2 39.Ra1



Nc1 1.39/22 **40.Rxc1± a1Q 41.Rxa1 Rxa1** KR-KB **42.Bc7** 0.51/23

[42.Kxc4± 0.87/21 And now Kc4-c5 would win. Rg1 43.Bc7]

42...Kg6 43.Kxc4 h5? 2.07/21 This costs Black the game.
[43...Kf7!± 0.45/21]
44.gxh5++- Kxh5 3.04/21
[44...Kf7 1.72/21 was worth a try. 45.d5 Ke7]
45.d5 Kxh4? 7.04/21
[45...g5 2.87/20 46.hxg5 fxg5]
46.d6 White is clearly winning. **46...Rd1 47.Kb3 g5**

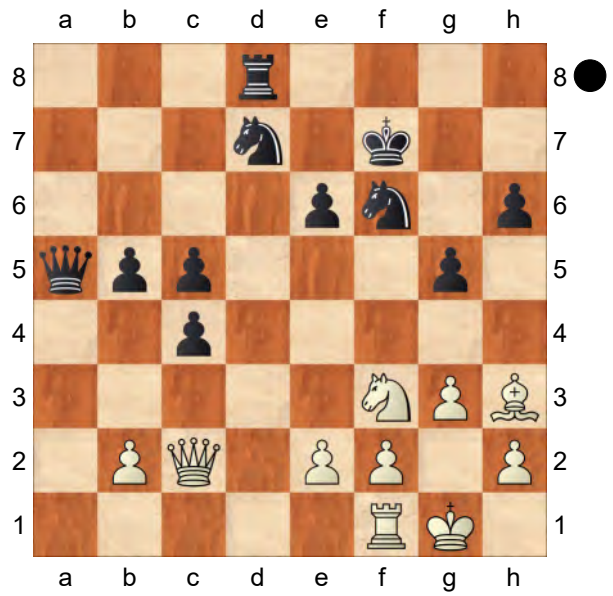


...g5-g4 would now be deadly. **48.Kc2 Rd5 49.e4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.25 (precise)
1-0

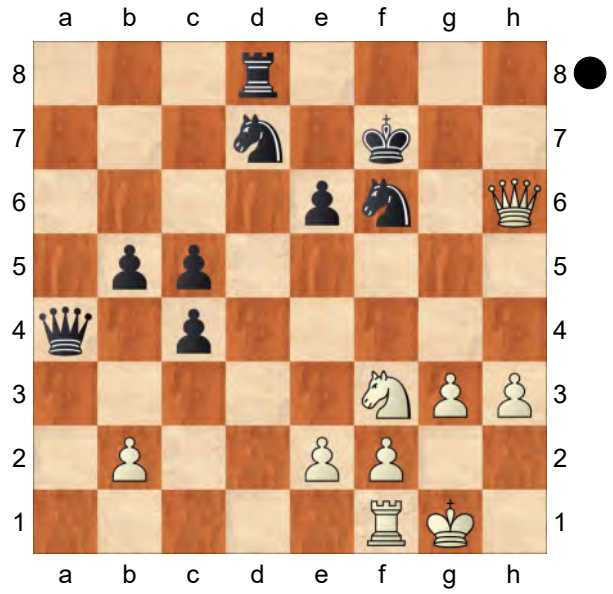
47 **D44**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2727**
Chennai (6) 20.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D44: Semi-Slav: Botvinnik System **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 d5 4.d4 c6 5.Bg5 dxc4 6.a4 b5!** outshines the older 6...Bb4. erfolgreicher als das alte 6...Lb4. **7.g3** White has compensation. **7...Bb7 8.Bg2 a6 9.0-0** Black has an edge. **9...Be7 10.Ne5N**
[10.e4 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.axb5 axb5 13.Rxa8 Bxa8 14.Qa1 Nd7 15.Qa7 0-0 16.e5 Be7 2 Chapter-Games Chapter 1 Game]
10...0-0!? A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.
11.axb5 axb5 12.Rxa8 Bxa8 13.Qa1 Qxd4N
[Vorgänger: 13...Nbd7 14.Qa7 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd5! 16.Nxd5 Bxg5 17.Nb6 e2-e3 would now be deadly. Qd4 18.Qa6 Qxb2! Threatens to win with ... c4-c3! 19.Nxa8 c3! White must now prevent ...c3-c2. 20.Qxc6 1-0 Nguyen,N (2644)-Sandipan,C (2640) Qinhuangdao op 1st 2011 (7)]
14.Nxf7
[14.Nf3 Qb6 15.Nxb5 *(15.Qxa8? Na6-+; 15.Bxf6? Bxf6 16.Rd1 Bb7-+)* 15...cxb5-+ *(15...Qxb5 16.Qxa8 h6 17.Bc1∓)*]
14...Kxf7 15.Qxa8 Qb6 16.Qa1 -0.59/19
[16.Be3= 0.08/20 c5 17.Bf4]
16...Nbd7∓ 17.Qb1 h6 18.Bf4 Nd5 19.Ne4 N7f6 Black is more active.
20.Be5 Rd8 21.Bh3 -1.04/19
[21.Rd1∓ -0.59/21]
21...c5 -0.65/19
[Black should play 21...Nd7∓ -1.04/19 22.Bd6 Bxd6 23.Nxd6+ Ke7]
22.Nd2 Nd7
[22...Ne3 23.fxe3 Rxd2 24.Bg4=]
23.Nf3 Bf6 24.Bxf6 N5xf6
[24...N7xf6 25.Ne5+ Kg8 26.Qg6±]
25.Qc2 Qa5 26.Rc1 g5 27.Rf1 -1.84/20
[27.Bg2∓ -0.70/22]

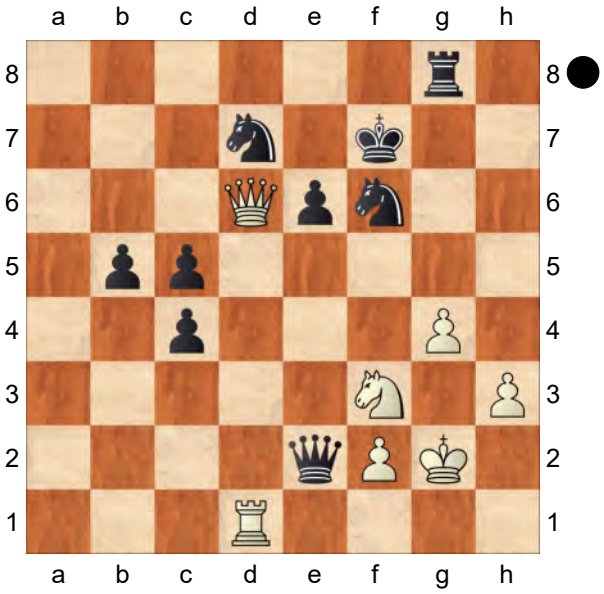
(Diagram)



27...Qa4!-+
[27...g4 28.Bxg4 Qa4 29.Qxa4 bxa4 30.Bh3∓]
28.Qd2 -2.90/21
[⌓28.Qb1 -1.89/21]
28...g4 29.Bxg4 Nxg4 30.h3 Ngf6 31.Qxh6



Rg8! aiming for ...Qa4-c2. **32.g4?** -4.31/19
[32.Qd2 -2.55/19]
32...Qc2 33.Qf4 Ke7
[Resist 33...Qxe2 34.Re1 Qd3 *(34...Qxb2? 35.Qc7-+)* 35.Re3-+]
34.Qg3 -6.03/20
[⌓34.Ra1 -4.03/17]
34...Qxb2 35.Rd1 Qxe2 36.Qd6+ Kf7 37.Kg2



Nxg4! 38.Ng5+
[38.hxg4 Rxg4+]
38...Rxg5 39.Qxd7+ Kf6 40.Qd8+ Kf5
Weighted Error Value: White=0.61/ Black=0.04 (flawless)
0-1

48 **E21**
□ **Aronian,Levon** **2723**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
Chennai (2) 16.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E21: Nimzo-Indian: 4 Nf3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 0-0 5.Bg5 c5 6.d5 h6**
[6...d6 7.e3 exd5 8.cxd5 Nbd7 9.Nd2 h6 10.Bh4 Ne5 11.Be2 Ng6 12.Bg3 Re8 13.Qb3 Ne7 14.e4 Ng6 15.f3 Nh5 16.Bf2 Nhf4 17.Bf1 f5 18.0-0-0 Ne5 19.Qc2 fxe4 20.Ndxe4 Bf5 21.Be3 0-1 Bolanos Arguello,A (2607)-Giorgadze,T (2736) San

Francisco TNM Jay Whitehead op 2014 (5)]

7.Bh4 d6N

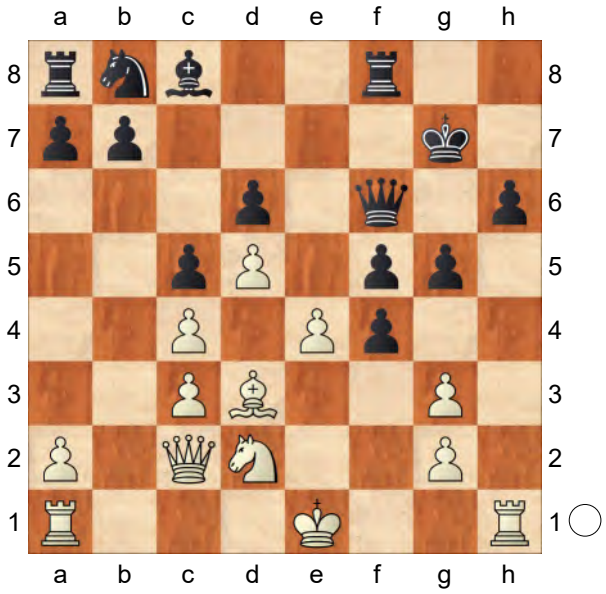
[7...exd5 8.cxd5 d6 9.e3 Nbd7 10.Bd3 Qb6 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nxd5 6) Kasparov Variation 4.Nf3-Kasparov Variation 4.Nf3 −]

8.e3 g5 9.Bg3 Ne4 10.Qc2 f5 11.Nd2 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 Kg7 14.Bd3 Qf6 0.74/21

[14...e5± 0.34/19 should be considered.]

15.f4± e5 16.e4 0-0-0 is the strong threat. White is more active. **16...exf4** 1.34/22

[Better is 16...Nd7± 0.59/23]



17.0-0-0 0.04/23

[17.0-0!± 1.34/22]

17...Nd7!= The position is equal.

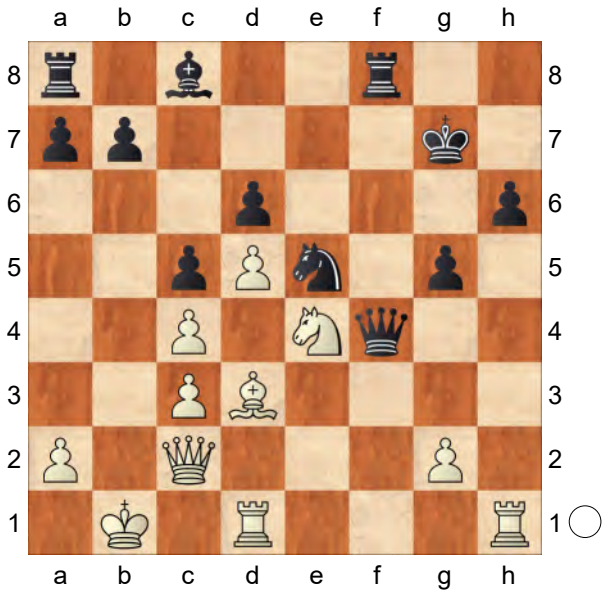
[17...fxg3 18.exf5 Nd7 *(18...Bxf5? 19.Rdf1+-)* 19.Ne4 Qxf5 20.Rdf1±]

18.gxf4 fxe4 19.Nxe4

[19.fxg5? Qxg5 20.Bxe4 Ne5-+]

19...Qxf4+ 20.Kb1 Ne5

(Diagram)



Hoping for ...Ne5xd3. **21.Rhf1 Qe3**

[21...Qh2 22.Rxf8 Kxf8 23.Nxd6 Nxd3 24.Nxc8 Rxc8 25.Qxd3± *(25.Rxd3 Kg7±)*]

22.Rfe1

[22.Nxd6 Bg4 23.Nf5+ Rxf5 24.Bxf5 Bxd1 25.Rxd1 Nxc4∓]

22...Qf4 23.g3 Qf3 24.Nxd6 Qxg3 25.Ne4

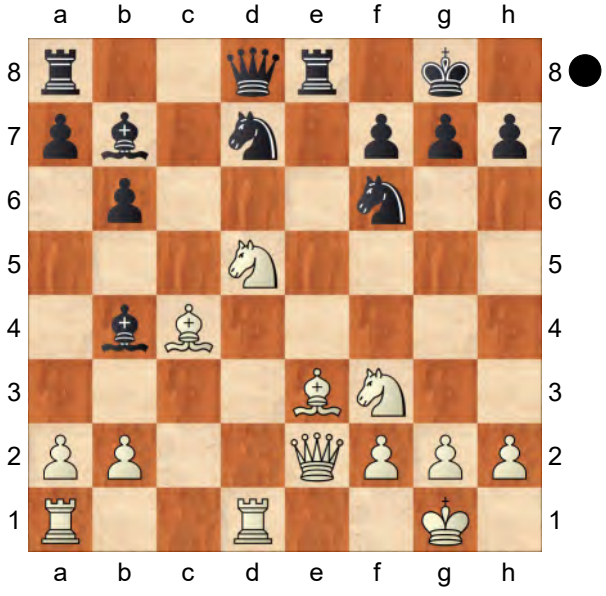
[25.Bf5 Nxc4 *(25...Bxf5? 26.Nxf5+ Rxf5 27.Qxf5+-)* 26.Re7+ Kf6∓]

25...Qf4 26.Rf1 Nf3! Threatens to win with ...Bc8-g4. **27.Nxc5 Qe3** Dodges Bd3-e2 **28.Qe2⇄** White has counterplay **28...Qxe2 29.Bxe2 g4 30.Kc1** aiming for d5-d6. **30...b6! 31.Nd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

½-½

49 **E55**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2720**
Chennai (3) 17.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E55: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line: 7...dxc4 8 Bxc4 Nbd7 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 b6 10.Qe2 Bb7 11.Rd1 Nbd7 12.d5 exd5** is now debated instead of 12...Bxc3. wird nun anstelle von 12...Lxc3 disktutiert. **13.Nxd5 Re8 14.Be3**



Hoping for Nd5xf6+. **14...Nxd5** The position is equal. **15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.Rxd5** Ra1-d1 is the strong threat. **16...Qc7 17.Qb5 Nf6 18.Rc1 Qb7 19.Rdd1 Bf8 20.a4N**
[20.h3 h6 21.Qf5 Qe4 22.Qxe4 Nxe4 23.Rc7 Bd6 24.Rd7 Bc5 25.Bxc5 Nxc5 26.Rc7 Ne6 27.Rb7 Nc5 28.Rc7 Ne6 29.Rb7 Nc5 30.Rc7 Ne6 ½-½ Bu,X (2689)-Wang,H (2702) CHN-chT Div-A Fuling 2024 (11.1)]
20...Rac8N
[Vorgänger: 20...Rad8 21.a5 Rd5 22.a6 Qa8 23.Rxd5 Nxd5 24.Bd4 Nf4 aiming for ...Nf4-e2+. 25.Kf1 Rc8 26.Rc4 Rxc4 27.Qxc4 ½-½ Euwe,M-Unzicker,W Match/Nation GER-NED Dortmund 1957 (1.1)]
21.Rxc8 Qxc8 22.h3 Rd8 23.Rxd8 Qxd8 24.Bd4 Nd5 25.Qc4 Nc7 26.g3 Ne6 27.Bc3 Nc5 28.Bd4 Qd7 29.Bxc5 Bxc5 30.b4 Bf8
An uneventful encounter. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) / Black=0.00 (flawless)
½-½

50 **B30**
□ **Pranav,V.** **2598**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz (3.4)
[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 Vasiukov,E: 'Inf 20/370'
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5
[3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 Nge7 7.d3 d6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 f5 10.Qd2 Nd4 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 b5 14.Nxb5 Nxb5 15.cxb5 Rxb5 16.Rb1 Bb7 17.b3 Qa8 0-1 Cortes Ventura,J (2081)-Remmelgas,A (2200) Asia-ch Blitz U20 Girls Jamshedpur 2023 (8)]
3...e6 4.Bxc6N
[4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nxd5 *(11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 19.c5 Bc6 20.h4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Rd5 22.Bf4 Qd8 23.Bd6 Nc4 24.Bg3 Rcxc5 25.dxc5 Rxd1* 1-0 Grischuk,A (2709)-Radjabov,T (2728) World Blitz Rishon

Le Zion ISR 2006 (2)) 11...exd5 12.Qb3 Nb4 13.Rxe7 Qxe7 14.Bxd7 Nxa2 15.Bf5 Nxc1 16.Rxc1 g6 17.Bh3 Rad8 18.g3 Rfe8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 1-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011 19.Ne5 Rd6 20.Rc5 Rb6 21.Qc3 f6 22.Rc7 Qd6 23.Rd7 Qf8 24.Nd3 Rd8 25.Nc5 Qe8 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Bf7 Qf8 28.Ne6 Rxd7 29.Nxf8 Rxf7 30.Qc8 1-0 8.♘a3 ♗e7 9.♘c2 ♗g5 10-Siemer,A ICCF GMN/032 email ICCF email 2011]

4...bxc6 5.b3 Ne7 6.Bb2 Ng6 7.h4! h5 8.g3!? -0.02/22 An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. Prevents e6-e5.

[8.d3± 0.65/25]

8...f6 0.60/25

[8...e5= -0.02/22]

9.d3 -0.01/21

[9.e5!± 0.60/25]

9...e5= 10.Nbd2 -0.48/22

[10.Nc3= 0.06/23]

10...d5∓ 11.Nh2N

[Vorgänger: 11.Qe2 Bg4 12.0-0-0 Be7 13.Kb1 -0.40/20 *(13.Nf1!= -0.02/22)* 13...a5 Strongly threatening ...a5-a4. 14.a4! 0-0 0.04/19 *(14...Qb6∓ -0.41/19)* 15.Rde1 -1.02/19 *(15.Nf1!= 0.04/19)* 15...Rb8 -0.61/19 *(15...Rf7∓ -1.02/19 16.Kc1 Nf8)* 16.Qf1 -1.19/22 *(16.Nf1∓ -0.61/19)* 16...Be6 -0.48/21 *(16...c4!∓ -1.19/22* Threatens to win with ... c4xb3. *17.dxc4 dxe4 18.Rxe4 Bb4)* 17.Nh2 0-1 Saydaliev,S (2448)-Ynojosa Aponte,F (2387) Kazan BRICS Games Blitz 2024 (5)]

11...Be6 12.Qe2 Qd7 13.0-0-0 Bd6 14.Rde1 Kf7 15.Rhg1 Rae8 16.Qf1 Bh3 17.Qe2 Bc7 18.Kb1 Ba5 19.Rd1 Bc7 20.Qe3 Bb6 21.c4 -0.49/19

[21.Qf3= 0.00/22 was preferrable.]

21...d4∓ 22.Qe2 a5 23.a4 Bc7 24.Ka2 Nf8 25.f3 -0.88/20

[25.Bc1= -0.21/19 keeps the balance.]

25...g5∓ 26.hxg5 fxg5 27.f4 -1.23/18 **exf4**

[27...gxf4 28.gxf4 exf4 29.Rg5±]

28.gxf4 Bxf4 29.Nhf3 Bg4 -0.74/17 A strong pair of Bishops.

[Black should play 29...g4 -1.52/20 30.Qf2 Kg8 *(30...gxf3 31.Nxf3 Bg4 32.Ng5+ Kg8 33.Qxf4=)*]

30.Rdf1 -1.56/18

[⌓30.e5 -0.74/17]

30...Ke7 -0.63/22

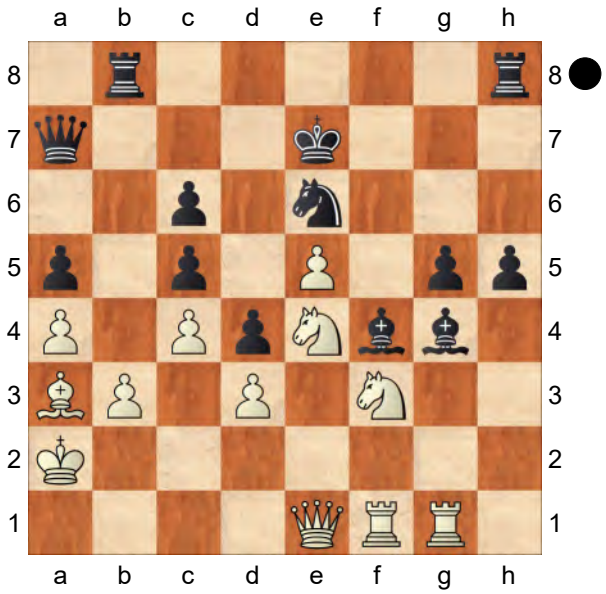
[30...Kg7∓ -1.56/18 Hoping for ...Nf8-g6. 31.e5 Ng6]

31.e5∓ Ne6 32.Ne4 Rb8 0.06/18

[32...Be3∓ -0.74/18 33.Bc1 Bxg1 34.Rxg1 Rb8]

33.Ba3= Chess con chili. **33...Qa7 34.Qe1** -1.31/19

[34.Qb2= 0.14/23 Bxf3 35.Rxf3]



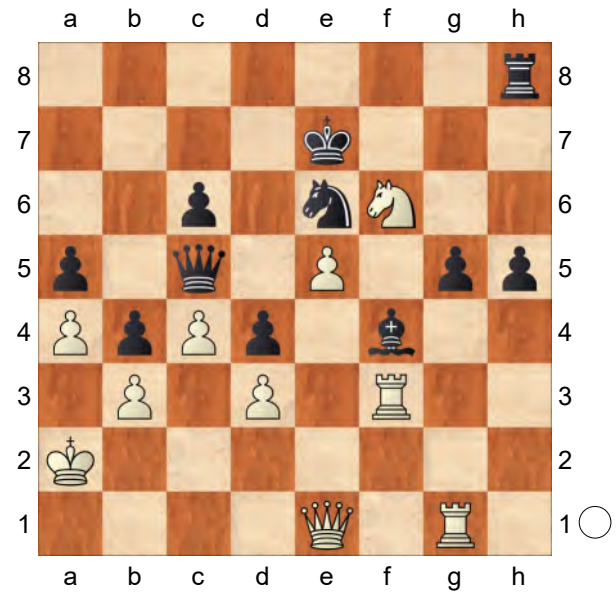
34...Rb4? 3.30/20 **35.Bxb4+- cxb4 36.Nf6?** 0.72/20

[36.Nfxg5+- 3.02/22 Bxg5 37.Nxg5

Nxg5 38.Qf2]

36...Bxf3± 37.Rxf3 Qc5? 3.73/26

[37...Kd8± 0.73/20 might work better.]



38.Rh1? 0.00/24

[White must play 38.Rxf4!+- 3.73/26 gxf4 39.Qh4]

38...Qxe5= 39.Ne4 -1.42/18

[39.Nxh5? perishes. Qxe1 40.Rxe1 Rxh5-+]

[39.Qxe5= 0.00/24 was the only way to keep the balance. Bxe5 40.Nxh5]

39...h4∓ 40.Qg1

(Diagram)

Qf5 Prevents Qg1-g4 **41.Nf2** Inhibits g5-g4. **41...Kd6** White is weak on the dark squares **42.Qg2 Kc7 43.Re1 Nc5** 0.00/23

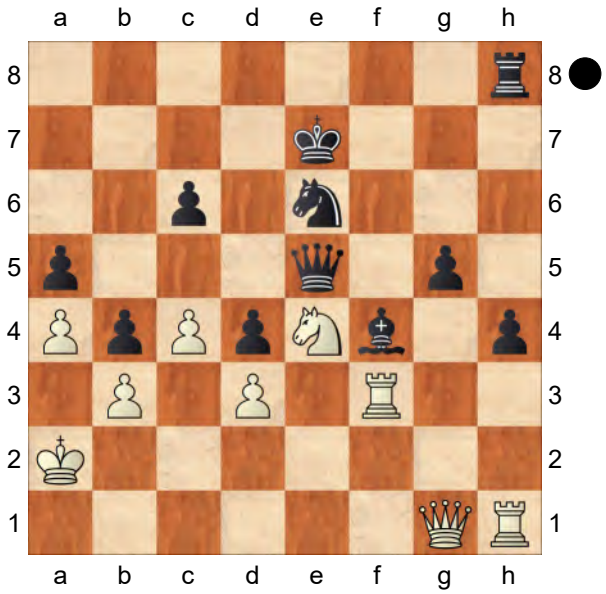
[43...Rh7∓ -1.49/19 44.Rg1 Rg7]

44.Nh3!= Nh3xf4 is the strong threat.

44...Nxd3 45.Qc2 aiming for Nh3xf4.

45...Nxe1?? 5.91/20

[45...Rf8!= -0.02/19 46.Rxd3 *(46.Qxd3 Qxd3 47.Rxd3 Be3=)* 46...Be3 47.Qh2+ Kb7]



46.Qxf5+- Nxf3 47.Nxf4 gxf4 48.Qxf4+ Kb6 49.Qxf3= KQ-KR

49...h3 50.Qf6 Rh7 ...h3-h2 would now be deadly. **51.Qf5 Rh4 52.c5+** White mates. **52...Kb7 53.Qd7+ Kb8 54.Qd8+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/Black=0.56

1-0

51 **B51**

□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2682**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**

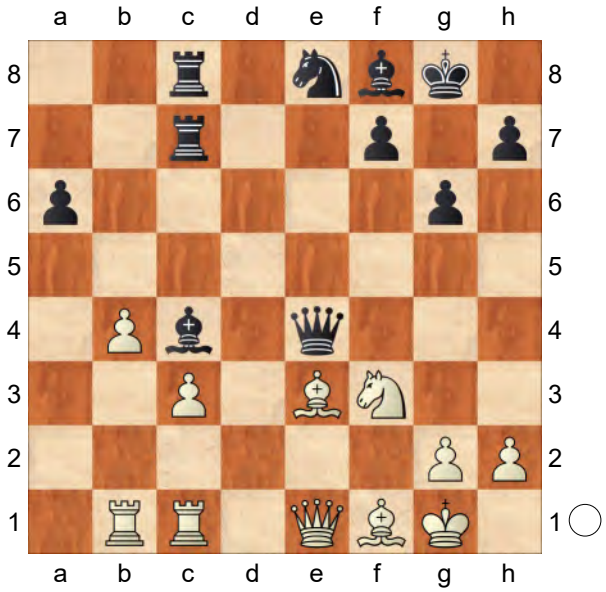
86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (8.7)

[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4** 29 **c5** 42 **2.Nf3** 11 **d6** 6 **3.Bb5+** 2:42 **Nd7** 12 **4.d4** 1:38 **cxd4** 30 **5.Nxd4** 19 **Ngf6** 36 **6.Bd3** 40

[6.Nc3 a6 7.Bd3 e5 8.Nf5 g6 9.Ng3 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Bg5 b5 12.a3 Bb7 13.Rc1 h6 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Nce2 Nc5 16.c3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 d5 18.exd5 Qxd5 19.Qxd5 Nxd5 20.Rfd1 Nxe3 Sossna,G (1569)-Waffenschmidt,J (2070) Playchess.

com INT 2020 0-1 (60)]
6...Nc5 6:55
[6...g6 7.c4 Qb6 8.Nc2 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.0-0 Nc5 11.Ne3 Be6 12.Rb1 Qc6 13.Ned5 Bxd5 14.exd5 Qd7 15.Be2 ½-½ (15) Karthikeyan,M (2475)-Grover,S (2469) Dharamshala 2014]
7.Nc3 2:11 **a6** 9:16 **8.0-0** 2:34
White is slightly better. **8...g6N** 5:01
[8...e6 9.Be3 Be7 10.f4 Qc7 11.Qe2 b5 12.Bd2 b4 13.Nd1 Bb7 14.e5 Nd5 15.Ne3 Nxe3 16.Qxe3 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nxd3 18.cxd3 Bc5 19.Rac1 Qb6 20.Rc4 Rd8 21.Qf4 Bxd4+ 22.Kh1 0-0 23.Bxb4 McGowan,A-Yee,S (1997) Wanganui 2007 0-1 (31)]
9.Re1 1:52
[9.Be3 with more complications. Ng4 10.Bg5 Bg7 11.Be2]
9...Bg7 1:27 **10.Bf1** 31 **0-0** 4:12 **11.a4** 9 **Bg4** 20:36 **12.f3** 4:57 **e5** 52 **13.Nde2** 19:06
[13.fxg4 -0.55/22 13.Nd4-e2 0.33 exd4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 *(14...Nfxe4? 1.35/22 14...Nf6xd5 -0.61 15.b4±; 14...Ncxe4 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.Qxd4=)* 15.exd5 Re8∓]
13...Be6 2:46 **14.b4** 9:37 **Ncd7** 2:09 **15.Qxd6** 9:59 **Re8** 5:34 **16.Rb1** 1:31 **Rc8** 2:18 **17.Be3** 1:03 **Rc4** 8:27 **18.Qd2** 2:08 **Qc7** 2:31 **19.Rec1** 48 **Rd8** 4:29 **20.Qe1** 26 **Bf8** 0.65/22 1:21
[⌓20...Rc6 0.34/20]
21.Nd1!± 58 **Rc8** 10:06
[21...Rxc2? 22.Rxc2 Qxc2 23.Nec3+-]
22.c3 2:52 **Rc6** 3:17 **23.a5** 0.38/20 11:38
[23.Ng3± 0.73/21]
23...b6 2:07 **24.axb6** 53 **Nxb6** 6 **25.Nb2** 1:00 **Ne8** 0.79/22 5:00
[25...Nc4= 26.Nxc4 Bxc4]
[25...Nc4± 0.32/21 26.Nxc4 Bxc4]
26.f4 4:31
[26.Ng3± Nc4 27.Nxc4 0.69/25 *(27.Bxc4± 1.01/26 Bxc4 28.Nxc4 Rxc4 29.Bd2)* 27...Bxc4± 28.Bxc4 Rxc4 29.Bd2!]
[26.Ng3!? Nc4 27.Nxc4 Bxc4 28.Bxc4 Rxc4 29.Bd2±]
26...Nc4= 2:20 **27.Nxc4** 46 **Bxc4** 7 **28.fxe5!** 39 **Qxe5** 1:59 **29.Nd4** 38 **R6c7** 21
[29...Bd6? 30.g3± *(30.Qh4 R6c7±)*]
30.Nf3 35
[30.Bxc4 Rxc4 31.Nf3 Qc7=]
30...Qe6 1:21
[30...Qxe4? 2.11/22 30...Qe5-e6 0.54



31.Nd2! Qf5 32.Nxc4 Rxc4 33.Bxc4 Rxc4+- 34.Ra1+-]
[30...Qxe4? 31.Nd2 Qf5 32.Nxc4 Rxc4 33.Bxc4 Rxc4 34.Rd1+-]
31.Qh4 0.01/23 8:41
[Vorzuziehen ist 31.Bf4± Bxf1 32.Bxc7 *(32.Kxf1* -0.25/21 32.Bf4xc7 0.68 *Rc4∓)*]
[Better is 31.Bf4± 0.74/23]
31...Qf6 0.74/23 6:24

[31...Bxf1? 9.45/24 31...Bf8-e7 -0.01 32.Ng5 *(32.Rxf1? -0.01/22 32.Nf3-g5 9.53 Be7=)* 32...h5 33.Nxe6+-]
[31...Be7!= hält das Gleichgewicht. 32.Qh6 Bxf1 *(32...Qxe4? 1.73/23 32...Bc4xf1 -0.16 33.Nd2+-)* 33.Rxf1 Rxc3]
[31...Bxf1? 32.Ng5 *(32.Kxf1 Rxc3 33.Rxc3 Rxc3∓)* 32...h5 33.Nxe6+-]
[31...Be7!= 0.01/23 keeps the balance. 32.Qe1 *(32.Bxc4 Rxc4 33.Ng5 Bxg5∓)* 32...Bxf1 33.Kxf1 Nd6]

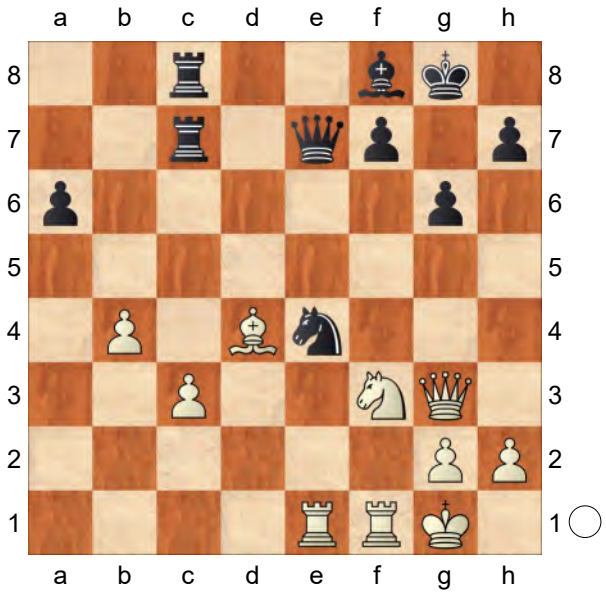
32.Qg3± 54 **Bxf1** 42 **33.Bd4!** 1:08 **Qe7** 2:01 ...Bf1-b5 is the strong threat.
[Ein No Go ist 33...Bd6 1.34/21 33...Qf6-e7 0.82 34.e5 Bb5 *(34...Bd3 35.Re1±)* 35.Re1± *(35.exf6 Bxg3 36.hxg3 Nd6±; 35.exd6 0.74/23 35.Rc1-e1 1.27 Qxd6 36.Qf2 Rb7±)*]
[Not 33...Bd6 34.Qf2 Qe6 35.Rxf1±]

34.Rxf1→ 7 White is out for blood. **34...Nd6** 8 **35.Rbe1** 1:33 aiming for Nf3-g5. &Bianco is more active. **35...Nxe4** 0.98/25 41
[35...Nb5± 0.65/21]

(Diagram)

36.Qf4! 8:42 **f5** 0 **37.Nd2** 0.74/25 12
[⌓37.g4 1.25/25 Qd6 38.Be5 Qb6+ 39.Nd4]

37...Bg7 1 **38.Nxe4** 2:47 **Bxd4+** 6 **39.cxd4** 2 **fxe4** 8 **40.Qxe4** 13 **Qxe4** 8 **41.Rxe4** 50:02 **Rd7** 50:35 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½



52 **C65**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
■ **Eljanov,Pavel** **2691**
Chennai Grand Masters 2023 (1.3)
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 1min C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5 **1.e4** 4 **e5** 22 **2.Nf3** 6 **Nc6** 4 **3.Bb5** 7 **Nf6** 19 **4.d3** 8 **Bc5** 35 **5.Bxc6** 8 **dxc6** 5 **6.Nbd2** 14 C65: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence (3...Nf6), unusual lines and 4 0-0 Bc5.
[6.Nxe5? Qd4 7.Be3 *(7.Rf1 Qxe5-+)* 7...Qxe5-+]

6...Be6 2:04 Wards off Nd2-c4 Against Nd2-c4 **7.0-0** 55
[7.Nxe5? Qd4 8.Rf1 Qxe5-+]

7...Qd6 2:33 7...Bd6 is setting a new trend. 7...Bd6 is setting a new trend. 7...Ld6 setzt einen neuen Trend. **8.b3** 1:56 White has an edge. White is slightly better. **8...a5** 49 8...Nd7 is not played anymore. 8...Nd7 is not played anymore. 8...Sd7 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. **9.Bb2** 20 d4 would be deadly.

9...Nd7 10 **10.Ng5** 1:56 **a4** 6:55 **11.Ndf3** 49 **f6** 4:14 **12.Nxe6** 19 **Qxe6** 3 **13.d4N** 1:15

[13.Nh4 0-0 14.Nf5 g6 15.Ng3 Qe7 16.Qg4 Kh8 17.h4 Bd6 18.h5 Qf7 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Ne2 axb3 21.axb3 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Kg7 23.Ra7 b6 24.d4 Re8 25.c4 Kg8 26.Ng3 Kh7 27.d5 cxd5 ½-½ Caruana,F (2804)-Hou,Y (2657) Karlsruhe/Baden-Baden 136/110 2018 28.cxd5 Nc5 29.Qf3 Kg7 30.b4 Nd7 31.Qg4 Kf8 32.Bc1 Ke7 33.Be3 Rh8 34.Ne2 Rh5 35.Ng3 Rh8 36.b5 Rg8 37.Bc1 Rb8 38.Qh3 Rf8 39.Be3 Rg8 40.Nf1 Kd8 41.Nd2 Ke7 42.Nc4 Rd8 1-0 Deslandes,P (2782)-Behrmann (2560) XXXVI Mem Elite Havana CUB 2001 (1.5) 43.Nxb6 cxb6 44.Bxb6 Bb8 45.Bxd8+ Kxd8 46.Qh8+ Qe8 47.Qxe8+ Kxe8 48.Ra6 Kd8 49.g3 Bc7 50.Rc6 Bb6 51.Kg2 Bd4 52.Kf3 Ke7 53.Ke2 Bb6 54.f3 Bd4 55.Kd3 Nb6 56.f4 Nd7 57.Kc4 Bf2 1-0 Caruana,F (2782)-Lazavik,D (2560) Julius Baer Rapid Div 1 W Chess.com INT 2023 (1.5)]

13...exd4 9:09 **14.Nxd4** 8 **Bxd4** 3:27 **15.Qxd4** 3:00 **0-0** 11

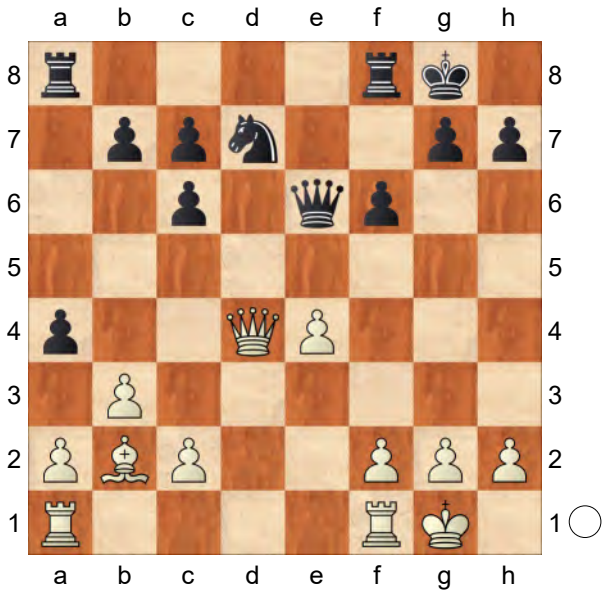
(Diagram)

16.Rfe1N 15:37

[Predecessor: Vorgänger: 16.Rfd1 Rf7 17.f3 b6 18.Qd3 Nf8 19.Qe2 Re7 20.Rd4 Ree8 21.Bc3 axb3 22.axb3 Rxa1+ 23.Bxa1 Ra8 24.Bc3 b5 25.Rd1 Qe7 26.Kf1 Ne6 ½-½ Hablizel,F (2301)-Popov,V (2087) DE WebServ 10th prel 16 email 2016]

[Reject Much worse is 16.bxa4 Nb6∓]

16...c5 8:58 **17.Qd3** 7:23 **Ne5** 3:55



18.Qg3 2:55 **b5** 7:24 **19.f3** 4:44 **b4** 5:27 **20.h4** 20:01 **c4** 5:24 Threatening ... c4-c3. **21.Bxe5** 8 **fxe5** 34 **22.bxc4** 10 **Ra5** 0.03/24 5:16

[But not Reject 22...Qxc4 23.Qxe5 *(23.h5=)* 23...Kh8= 24.c3±]

[22...Rf6∓ -0.36/21 deserves consideration.]

23.Rad1= 3:13 White wants to play Rd1-d5. **23...Rc5** 1:21 **24.Rd5** 4:46 **Rxc4** 6 **25.Re2** 3:22 **Re8** 6:28 **26.Red2** 58 **h6** 3:55 **27.h5** 1:52 **Kh7** 8:22 **28.Rd7** 10:09 **Rg8** 43 **29.Kh2** 4:24 **Rc6** 50 **30.R7d5** 5:49 **Re8!** 22

[30...Rd6 simplifies 31.Rxd6 cxd6 32.Qg6+ Qxg6 33.hxg6+ Kxg6 34.Rxd6+ Kg5]

31.Rd7 4 **Rg8** 34 **32.Qh3** 18 Black must now prevent Qxe6. **32...Qf6** 5:39

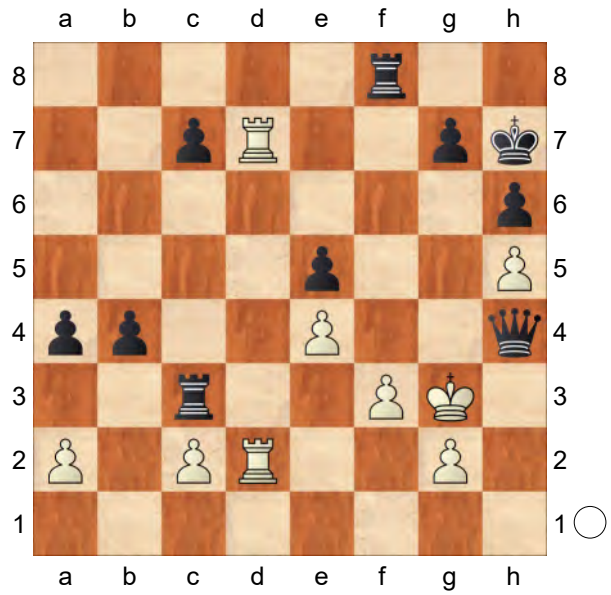
[32...Re8 simplifies 33.Qxe6 Rexe6 34.Kh3 Red6]

33.Qg4 20

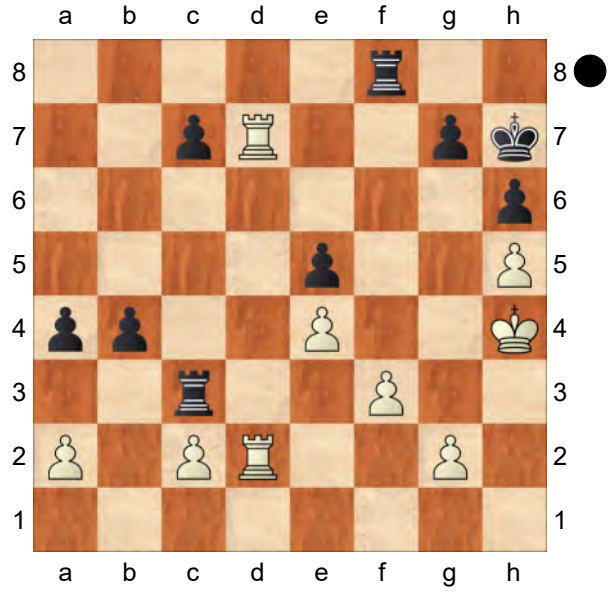
[33.Qf5+ simplifies Kh8 34.Kh3 Qxf5+ 35.exf5 With the idea Rd7-e7. Rf8 36.g4]

[33.Qf5+ simplifies Qxf5 34.exf5 Re8 35.Re2]

33...Rc3 3:48 **34.Kg3** 3:15 **Rf8** 2:24
35.Qh4 -1.05/29 1:52
[35.R7d3=]
[35.R7d5= 0.10/23 remains equal.]
35...Qxh4+∓ 1:12

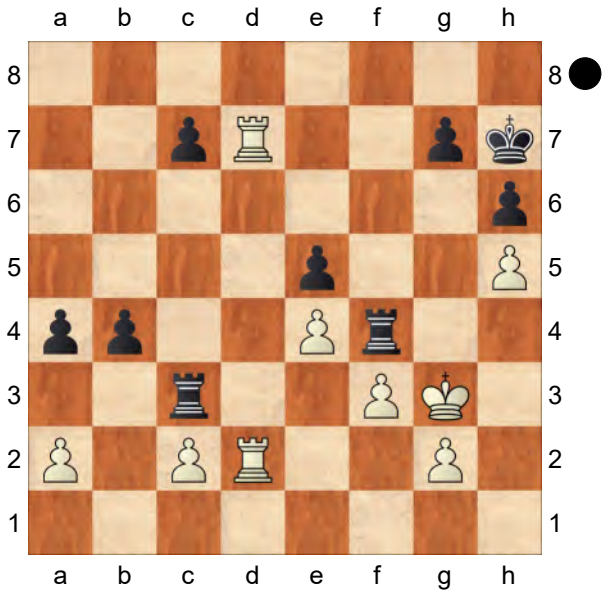


Overworked Piece **36.Kxh4** 4
Endgame. Endgame

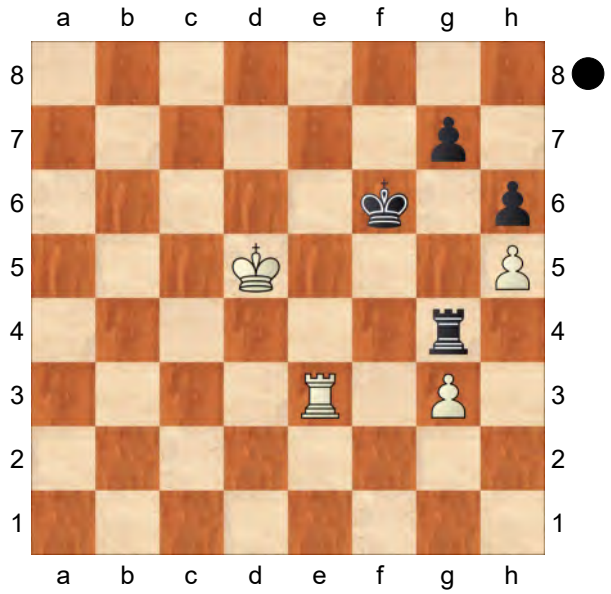


KRR-KRR Endgame. KRR-KRR
36...Rf4+! 20
[Don't play 36...Ra3?! 0.18/24 36...Rf8-f4+ -0.75 37.Rxc7 Rd2-d7 is the strong threat. Rxa2 38.Rdd7=]

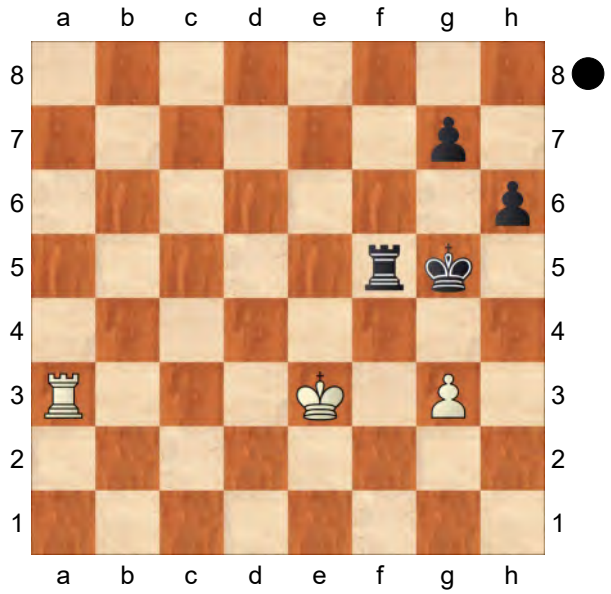
37.Kg3 7 Threatens to win with Rd7-e7.



Threatens to win with Rd7-e7. **37...Rxe4** 10 **38.Rxc7** 20 **Rxc7** 1:21 **39.fxe4∓** 4 KR-KR KR-KR **39...Rc3+** -0.04/20 24
[Black should play 39...Rc4∓ 40.Kf3 g6 -0.04/20 (Better is *40...a3∓* -0.87/26) 41.Rd7+= Kh8]
[Black should try 39...Rc4∓ -0.88/29 40.Kf3 a3]
40.Kg4= 5 **Ra3** 17 **41.c4** 30:56
[But not 41.Kf5? -6.92/26 41.c2-c4 0.00 Rxa2 42.Kxe5 b3 43.cxb3 Rxd2-+]
41...Rc3 32:00
[41...bxc3? 42.Rc2+-]
[41...bxc3 42.Rc2 g6 43.Kh4+-]
42.Kf5 4 **Rxc4** 17 **43.Kxe5** 6 **b3** 2:05 **44.axb3** 7 **axb3** 3 **45.Rb2** 1:17 **Rb4** 5 **46.Kd5** 18 **Kg8** 7 **47.Kc5** 1:37 **Rxe4** 14 aiming for ...Re5+. Strongly threatening ...Re4-e5+. aiming for ...Re4-e5+. **48.Rxb3** 4 **Rg4** 55 **49.g3** 1:19 **Kf7** 4 **50.Kd5** 38 **Kf6** 13 ...Kg5 is the strong threat. **51.Re3?** -5.86/31 1:05
[51.Kd6∓]
[51.Kd6= -0.02/31 and White stays safe.]
[51.Rb1= -0.08/34]



This costs White the game. White does not recover from this. [#] This move loses the game for White. **51...Rg5+!-+** 50 Black is clearly winning. **52.Kd4** 22 **Rxh5** 7 **53.Ra3** 3:36 **Re5** 1:12
[⌓53...Kg5 (→ ...Kg4) 54.Ke3 Kg4]
54.Rf3+ 1:57
[54.Ra6+-+ Re6 55.Ra5]
54...Rf5 34 Black mates. **55.Ra3** 2 **Kg5** 22 **56.Ke3** 1:03



Kg4! 15 ...Rf5-f3+ would now be deadly. ...Rf5-f3+ is the strong threat. **57.Ke2** 3 **g5** 1:05 **58.Rb3** 14 **h5** 26 **59.Ra3** 4 **Kh3** 17 White must now prevent ...Kh3-g2. ...Kh3-g2 would now be deadly. **60.Rb3** 17 **Kg2** 44 Hoping for ...Rf5-f2+. **61.Re3** 25 **Rf2+** 23 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.15 (very precise). Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/Black=0.08 (flawless)
0-1

53 **B51**
□ **Bartel,Mateusz** **2660**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
Prague Masters 6th (1) 27.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4** ChessBase II **1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,

A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]

4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 e5 6.Qd3 h6 7.Nc3 Ngf6 8.0-0 a6! is more profitable than 8...Be7 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 8...Le7. **9.Bxd7+ Bxd7 10.Nd2 b5** The position is equal. **11.a4 Rb8 12.Rd1 Qc7N**

[Vorgänger: 12...Be7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Nf1 b4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 0-0 17.Ne3 Prevents Bd7-g4. Be6 18.Qd3 Qc7 ½-½ (31) Anand,V (2816)-Topalov,V (2816) Saint Louis 2015 CBM 168 [ChessBase II]]

13.Nf1 With the idea a4xb5. **13...b4 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 a5 16.Ne3 Be7 17.b3 0-0 18.Bb2** -0.99/18 White is on the road to losing.

[18.Nc4∓ -0.56/19 is superior.]

18...Bg5∓ 19.Nc4 Bc8 20.c3 Ba6 Strongly threatening ...Rf8-c8. **21.cxb4 axb4 22.g3** -1.55/17

[⌓22.a5 -0.91/22]

22...f5 23.h4 -2.08/19

[23.a5∓ -1.59/17]

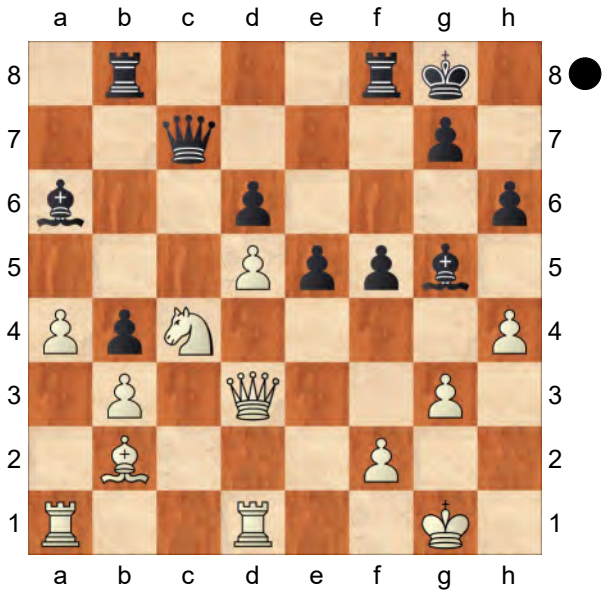
(Diagram)

23...Bd8!-+ 24.Rac1 Qe7 25.Re1 f4 26.Kg2 -3.02/18

[⌓26.Qf3 -1.97/18 Rc8 27.Nxd6 Qxd6 *(27...Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Bb6 29.Ne4∓)* 28.Rxc8 Bxc8 29.Bxe5]

26...Bb6 27.Rc2 Qf6 28.Qf3 Rbc8 aiming for ...Qf6-g6. **29.Re4** -2.96/19

[29.Rec1 -2.05/17 is a better defense.



Bxc4 30.Rxc4 Rxc4 31.Rxc4]

29...Qg6 30.g4 Rc5 31.h5 -4.27/17

[⌓31.Bxe5 -2.71/18 Bxc4 *(31...dxe5? 32.Nxe5 Qd6 33.Rcc4-+; 31...Rxd5?* loses. *32.h5+-)* 32.Rexc4 Rxc4 *(32...Qxc2 33.Rxc2 Rxc2 34.Bxd6=)* 33.Rxc4 dxe5 34.Rc6]

31...Qg5 Black is clearly winning.

32.Qd1 -7.29/19

[⌓32.Kf1 -4.33/18]

32...f3+ 33.Kg1 Rf4 34.Rxf4 Qxf4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.18 (very precise)

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54 **E10**

□ **Narayanan,Sunilduth Lyna** **2677**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**

Wch Blitz Samarkand (17) 30.12.2023

[Kitty Kat]

E10: Blumenfeld Gambit Inf 103/(30) Moehring,G: 'Inf 39/(70)' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 h6N**

[3...c5 4.g3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qb6 6.Bg2 Bc5 7.e3 Nc6 8.0-0 Nxd4

9.exd4 Bxd4 10.Nc3 e5 11.Nb5 Bc5 12.Qe1 0-0 13.b4 Bd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Bg5 d6 16.Rd1 Qxc4 17.Rxd6 Be6 18.Qxe5 ½-½ Atabayev, Y (2539)-7. ♘bd2 ♗f6 (2522) EU/FSM. 50 corr ICCF 1992 (6)]

[3...a6 4.Nc3 c5 5.g3 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Qc7 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 *(9.Be3 Qxc4 10.Rc1 Qb4 11.Na4 d5 12.Nb6 Qxb6 13.Nf5 Qxb2 14.Nxe7+ Kh8 15.Nxc8 Nbd7 16.Nb6 Nxb6 17.Rb1 Qxa2 18.Rxb6 Rac8 19.Rxb7 Rc2 20.Qd4 Rc4 21.Qa7 Kg8 22.Bc5 Rc8 23.Rc7 Re8* Vovk,Y (2557)-Olszewski,M (2409) Grodzisk Mazowiecki 103/(30) 2007 *)* 9...d6 10.Nb3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nh5 12.Be3 Ne5 13.Na4 Bd7 14.Nb6 Rad8 15.Qd2 Be8 16.Qa5 Kh8 17.f4 Ng4 18.Bd2 1-0 Dautov,R (2615)-Lutz,C (2555) 66/458 Nussloch 1996]

4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Qc2 c5 6.dxc5 Na6 7.g3 Nxc5 8.Bg2 White has an edge.

8...Nce4 9.0-0 Nxc3N An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 9...Bxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Ba3 Nf3-d4! is the strong threat. Re8! 12.Nd4 -0.53/21 *(12.Nd2=* -0.03/21 *Nxd2 13.Qxd2)* 12...d5∓ Threatens to win with ...e6-e5. 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.cxd5 exd5 15.c4 Bd7 0.05/21 *(15...dxc4∓* -0.44/20 *16.f3 Ng5)* 16.cxd5 -0.34/19 *(16.f3=* 0.05/21 is superior. *Ng5 17.c5)* 16...Qxc2!∓ 17.Nxc2 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2830)-Yu,Y (2807) Wch Blitz Almaty 2022 (6)]

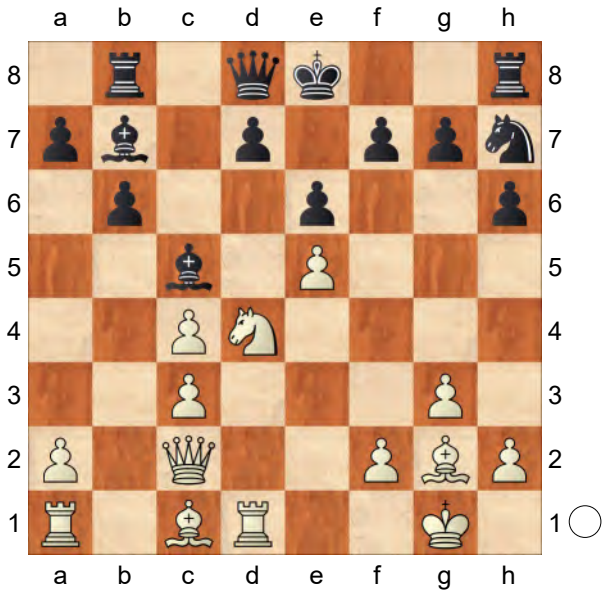
10.bxc3 Bc5 11.e4 b6 12.e5 Nh7 1.18/20

[12...Ng8!± 0.66/21]

13.Nd4 0.34/20

[White should play 13.Ng5!± 1.18/20]

13...Rb8!± 14.Rd1 Bb7



Inhibits Nd4-c6. **15.Nc6! Bxc6 16.Bxc6 0-0** Black is weak on the light squares **17.Rxd7 Qc8 18.Qa4 a6 19.Bf4 Ng5** 0.55/22

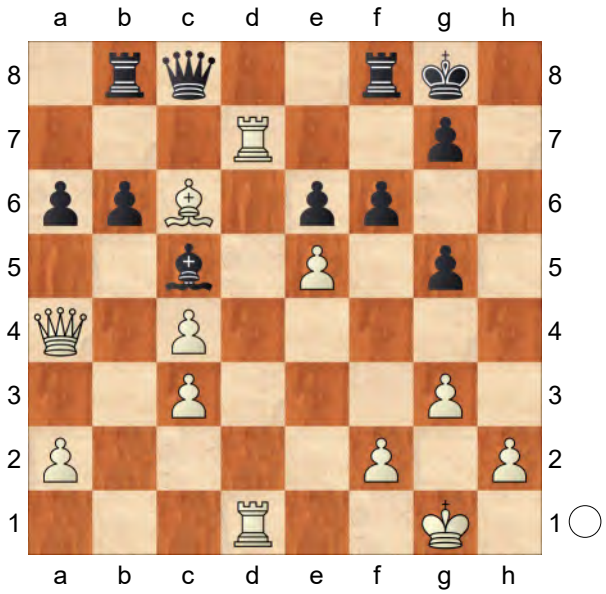
[19...g5= 0.14/22 20.Be3 b5 21.cxb5 axb5]

20.Bxg5 0.19/23

[20.Bg2± 0.55/22]

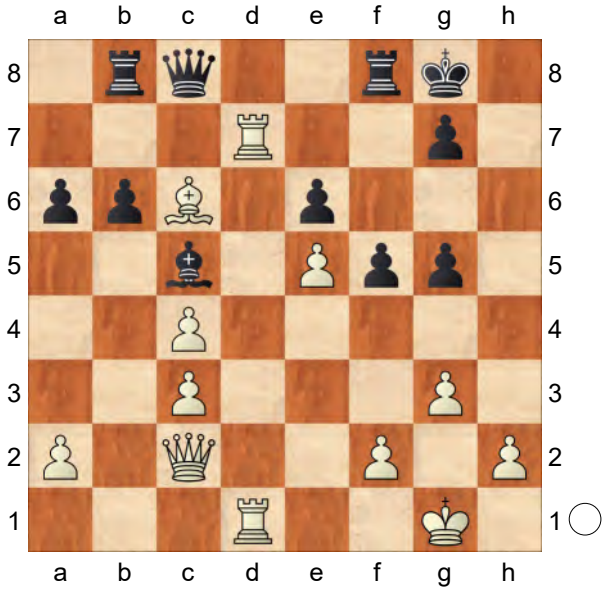
20...hxg5= 21.Rad1 f6 1.21/22

[21...b5!± 0.31/19 22.cxb5 axb5]



22.Qc2!± f5

[22...Qxc6 23.Qg6 Bxf2+ 24.Kf1 *(24.Kxf2 fxe5+ 25.Kg1 Rf1+* Decoy *26.Kxf1 Qh1+ 27.Ke2 Qxh2+ 28.Kd3 Qxg3+ 29.Kc2 Qf2+ 30.Kb3 Qf6+-)* 24...Qh1+ 25.Ke2]



23.Bf3 0.15/19
[23.Ba4!± 1.07/20]
23...Rf7= 24.Qd2 g4⇄ Black is not keeping still **25.Rxf7 Kxf7 26.Qd7+ Qxd7**
[26...Be7 is interesting. 27.Be2 Qxd7 28.Rxd7 Rd8]
27.Rxd7+ Endgame. KRB-KRB **27...Kf8 28.Be2 Rc8 29.Kg2 a5 30.f3 gxf3+ 31.Kxf3 Be7 32.Rb7 Rc5 33.Rxb6 Rxe5 34.Rb8+ Kf7 35.Rb5 Bc5 36.Bd1 g5 37.h3 Ke7 38.Rxa5 Kd6 39.Ra6+ Ke7 40.Ra5 Kd6 41.Ra6+ Kc7 42.Ra5 Kb6 43.Rb5+ Kc6 44.Ba4** -0.77/24
[44.Ra5= -0.08/23]
44...Kd6 45.Rb2 Re3+ 46.Kg2 Rxc3 47.Rd2+ Ke7 48.Re2? -2.21/21 White does not recover from this.
[48.Bc6∓ -0.67/21]
48...Bd6!-+
[Stronger than 48...Rxc4 49.Bb3 Re4 50.Rxe4 fxe4 51.Bc2±]
49.Bb3? -4.88/19
[49.Kf1 -2.12/19 was called for.]
49...Rxg3+ 50.Kf2 Rxh3 51.Kg2 -8.81/18
[⌓51.c5 -4.18/17 Bxc5+ 52.Kg2]
51...Rh2+ Black is clearly winning.
52.Kf1 Rxe2
[52...Rh1+? 53.Kg2 Rh6 *(53...Rh2+? 54.Kf1-+)* 54.Bc2-+]
53.Kxe2 KB-KB **53...g4** Strongly threatening ...Bd6-c5. **54.a4 Bc5 55.a5 e5 56.Ba4 e4 57.Bc6 Kf6 58.a6 Ke5** Hoping for ...f5-f4. **59.Bd7 g3** (→ ...g3-g2) **60.Kf1 f4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

55 **E08**
□ **Gupta,Abhijeet** **2601**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**
Aktobe Dvorkovich op (7) 31.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E08: Closed Catalan: Main Line: 7 Qc2 The next encounter could also be grouped in the section on speculative sacrifices. Closed Catalan **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Nbd7**
[4...c5 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.a3 Ne4 10.Nfd2 0-0 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.Bxe4 Bd4 14.Re1 Re8 15.Nd2 Be6 16.Nf3 Bf6 17.Bg5 Bxb2 18.Rab1 Bxa3 19.Rxb7 1-0 Esipenko,A (2680)-Bjerre,J (2608) EU-ch 23rd Vrnjacka Banja 2023 (9)]
5.Bg2 Bb4+N
[5...Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qc2 Ne4 8.b3 f5 9.Ba3 c6 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Nbd2 g5 12.Ne1 Qg7 13.e3 Kh8 14.Nd3

h5 15.Nf3 Qh6 16.Nfe5 g4 17.Kh1 h4 18.gxh4 Kg7 19.f3 Qxh4 20.fxe4 1-0 Fominyh,A (2571)-Adly,A (2209) Golden Cleopatra op Cairo 2001 (4)]
[5...Bd6 6.0-0 *(6.Nbd2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.b3 Bb7 9.Bb2 c5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Ne5 Re8 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Nc4 Be7 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Ne3 Ne4 16.Nf5 Bf6 17.Nd4 Rc8 18.Rc1 Rc5 19.Qd3 Qc8 20.Rfd1 Ba6* 0-1 Brenke,A (2357)-Maller,K (2513) Lippstadt *)* 6...0-0 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.Nd2 Nb6 9.e4 Bb4 10.a3 Be7 11.e5 Nfd5 12.Qe2 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bxc5 15.Nxc4 Qc7 16.Nd2 Bd7 17.Ne4 Be7 18.Bf4 Nd5 19.Nf6+ Bxf6 20.Bxd5 1-0 Xiao,Y (2136)-Ozturk,H (1818) WY GU16 2012 Maribor SLO (1.10)]

6.Bd2 a5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qc2 c6 9.Bf4 0-0 10.Rd1 a4 11.Nc3 0.01/21 11.a3 is a critical line. 11.a3 ist die kritische Fortsetzung.
[11.h4± 0.38/20]

11...dxc4 12.Nd2 White has an edge.

12...Nb6 13.e4N Prevents Nf6-d5
[Vorgänger: 13.Nce4 -0.02/21 13.e2-e4 0.34 a3 14.bxa3 Nfd5 15.Nxc4 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Nxf4 17.gxf4 Rxa3 18.Rd3 Rxd3 19.Qxd3 ½-½ Serban,C (2275)-Petkov,M (2489) Arad op 16th 2023 (8)]

13...a3 14.b3 -0.24/20
[14.Rab1!± 0.44/20]

14...cxb3=
[14...Qxd4? 15.Nxc4 Qc5 16.Be3+-]

15.Qxb3 Nbd7
[15...Qxd4? 16.Be3 Qe5 17.Bxb6+-]

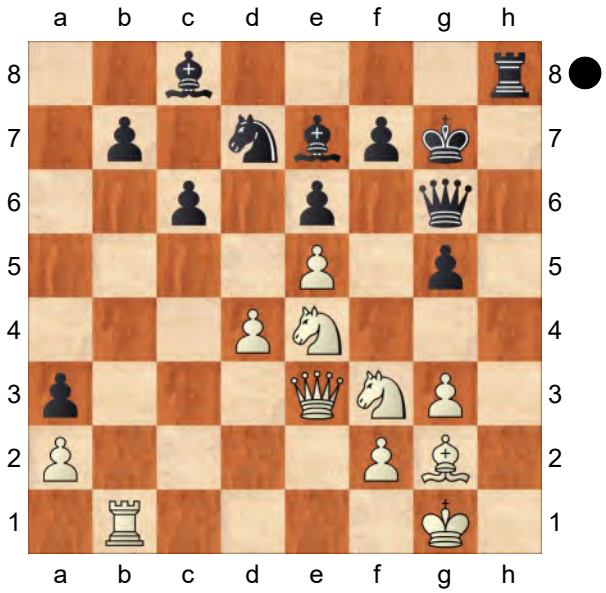
16.Nf3 Qa5 17.Rab1 h6 18.Qc2 Qh5 19.h3 White has compensation. **19...g5 20.Be3 Qg6 21.Qc1 Ra6** 0.91/18
[21...Rd8± 0.38/21]

22.h4 0.00/22
[22.Ne5± 0.91/18 Qg7 23.Nd3]

22...Ng4 23.hxg5 Nxe3 Remove Defender **24.Qxe3 hxg5 25.e5 Rb6 26.Bf1** -0.63/21
[26.Nd2= 0.06/21]

26...Kg7
[26...Rxb1 simplifies 27.Rxb1 c5 28.Re1 cxd4 29.Nxd4 Qg7]

27.Ne4 Rh8 28.Bg2 Rxb1 29.Rxb1



c5 -0.27/20 **30.Rd1** -0.82/19
[30.Nfxg5 cxd4 31.Qf4 Bxg5 32.Qxg5 Qxg5 33.Nxg5 Nxe5∓]
[30.dxc5= -0.27/20 keeps the balance. Bxc5 31.Qxg5]

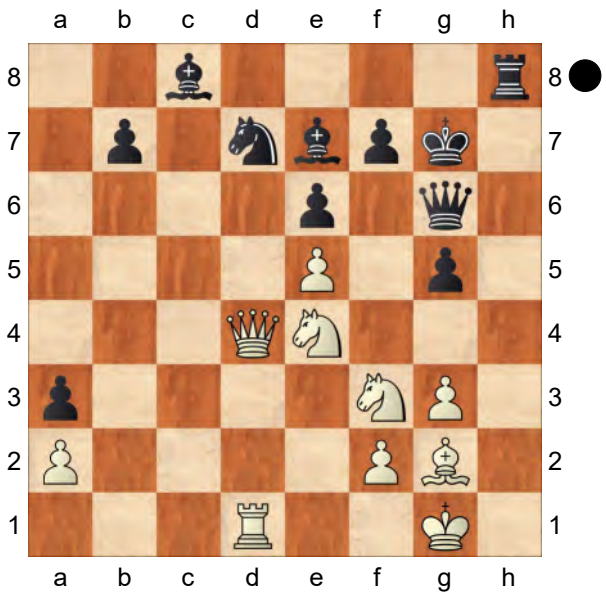
30...cxd4 31.Qxd4

(Diagram)

Qh5 -0.10/19
[31...b6!∓ -1.15/21 32.Rd2 Nc5]

32.Nd6 aiming for Nd6xc8. **32...g4** Deflection **33.Nh4↑** White has the initiative. A dynamic duo of knights.

33...Rd8!
[33...Nxe5? 34.Nhf5+ *(34.Bxb7? Bxd6 35.Bxc8 Bc5-+)* 34...exf5 35.Qxe5+ Bf6 36.Ne8+ Rxe8 37.Qxe8+-]



34.Nxc8
[34.Nxb7? too greedy. Bxb7 35.Bxb7 Nc5-+ *(35...Qxe5 36.Qxg4+ Kf8 37.Qf3=; 35...Nxe5? 36.Qa4-+)*]
34...Nxe5 35.Qxd8 -3.54/21 White does not recover from this.
[35.Nxe7 Rxd4 36.Rxd4 Qg5∓]
[35.Nf5+!∓ -0.38/19 exf5 36.Qxe5+ Bf6 37.Qe2 *(37.Qxf6+ Kxf6 38.Rxd8 f4∓)* 37...Rxc8 38.Bxb7]
35...Bxd8-+ 36.Rxd8 Qh7 Threatens to win with ...Qh7-b1+. **37.Nd6** Bg2-e4! is the strong threat. **37...Qb1+ 38.Bf1 Qxa2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

56 **E41**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Vitiugov,Nikita** **2711**
FIDE Grand Swiss (11) 05.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E41: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4...c5 5 Bd3, including Hübner Variation A26: English Opening vs King's Indian with ... Nc6 and d3 After seven rounds, I faced the number one and leader of the tournament with half a point than me. Playing against Fier it´s always a challenge, due to his inventive and confident play. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bd3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 d6 8.e4 e5 9.d5 Ne7 10.Nd2 Bd7N**
[10...h5 11.h4 Qa5 12.Qc2 Bd7 13.a4 *(13.g3 0-0-0 14.a4 Ng4 15.Nb3 Qc7 16.f3 Nh6 17.a5 Rdf8 18.Qa2 f5 19.Bg5 fxe4 20.fxe4 Neg8 21.Rf1 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Nf7 23.Be3 Nf6 24.Ke2 Ng4 25.Bg1 Rh6 26.Qa3 Rf6 27.Rf1 Rxf1* ½-½ Fier,A (2600)-Santiago,Y (2458) BRA-ch 88th Recife 2022 (8) *28.Kxf1 g5 29.Nxc5 dxc5 30.Bxc5 gxh4 31.gxh4 Kb8 32.Bg1 Qd6 33.Qxd6+ Nxd6 34.Ke2 a6 35.Bc5 Kc7 36.Bb6+ Kc8 37.Bc5 Nf7 38.Be7 Nh8 39.Kf3 Ng6 40.Bg5 Kc7 41.c5 Bb5 42.Bc2 Nf8* 0-1 9.e5 ♘fd7 10.♗e3_69160-Li,E Karlovy Vary 1948 *)*
13...Ng4 14.g3 Qc7 15.Nf1 0-0-0 16.a5 Kb8 17.f3 Nh6 18.Be3 Rdf8 19.Nd2 g6 20.Nb3 f5 21.Qc1 Neg8 22.Qa3 fxe4 23.Bxe4 Nf6 24.Nxc5 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 0-1 Becker,N (1597)-Kopietz,S (1477) GER-ch U18 Girls Willingen 2003 (9)]
[10...Qa5 11.Qb3 *(11.Qc2 Nh5 12.g3 0-0 13.0-0 Bh3 14.Re1 f5 15.exf5 Nxf5 16.Bf1 Bxf1 17.Rxf1 Qd8 18.Ne4 Qe8 19.Rb1 b6 20.Rb2 h6 21.f3 Nf6 22.a4 Qd7 23.a5 bxa5 24.Ra2 Nxe4 25.Qxe4 a4* 0-1 Villeneuve,A (2295)-Ligterink,G (2430) Manchester Benedictine op-04 1981 (1) *)* 11...0-0 12.0-0 Nh5 13.g3 Bh3 14.Re1 Qc7 15.Qd1 g6 16.Nf1 Qd7 17.Bh6 Ng7 18.f4 Bxf1 19.Rxf1 Qh3 20.Bg5 f6 21.fxe5 fxg5

22.exd6 Qd7 23.dxe7 Qxe7 24.Qd2 Qe5 25.Bc2 ½-½ 9.e5 ♘fd7 10. ♗e3_69160 (2565)-Henzler,S (2590) FRG-ch 05th Nuremberg 1959 (9)]

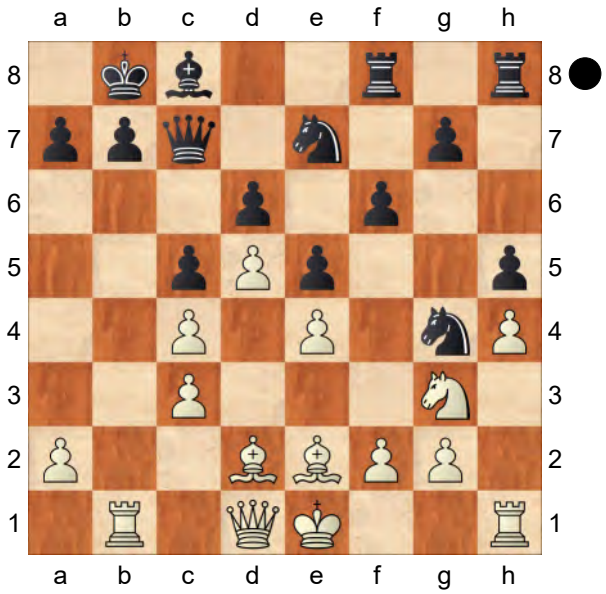
11.Nf1 Qa5 12.Bd2 0-0-0 The position is equal. **13.h4 h5 14.Rb1 Kb8 15.Qb3 Qc7 16.Ng3 Rdf8 17.Qd1 Bc8 18.Bg5** -0.43/21

[18.Rb2= -0.04/19]

18...Ng4 19.Be2 -0.74/23

[19.f3= -0.22/19 remains equal. Nf6 20.Kf2]

19...f6∓ 20.Bd2



g6! 21.0-0 f5 -0.29/20

[21...g5∓ -0.69/19 was preferrable. 22.f3 *(22.hxg5 fxg5 23.Bxg5 Ng6∓)* 22...gxh4 23.Nxh5 *(23.fxg4? hxg3 24.gxh5 f5∓)* 23...Rxh5]

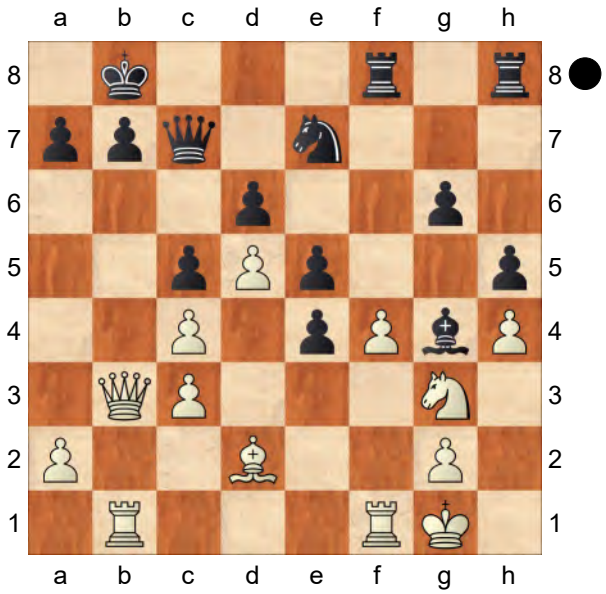
22.f4!= fxe4 23.Bxg4 Bxg4 24.Qb3

(Diagram)

Black must now prevent f4xe5. **24...e3!** 0.10/18 **25.Bxe3** aiming for f4xe5. **25...Nf5 26.Nxf5 Rxf5 27.fxe5 Rxe5 28.Bg5** Bg5-f6 would now be deadly.

[28.Bf4!? Re7□ 29.Bg5±]

28...Rhe8 29.Rf6 And now Bg5-f4!



would win. **29...Bf5 30.Bf4 Bxb1**

[30...b6!?]

31.Bxe5 dxe5 32.Qxb1 KQR-KQR **32...e4 33.d6**

[Less strong is 33.Rxg6 e3 34.Re6 Rxe6 35.dxe6 Qf4+-]

33...Qg7 0.64/28

[33...Qc6= 0.19/23 is more appropriate.]

34.Qf1!→ White attacks. White is more active. **34...Qh6** 7.61/22

[34...a5± 0.35/20]

35.Rf7+- White is clearly winning. **35...Qe3+ 36.Kh2** Threatening mate with Qf1-f6. **36...Qd2 37.Qf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.14 (very precise)

1-0

57 **D37**

□ **Donchenko,Alexander** **2643**

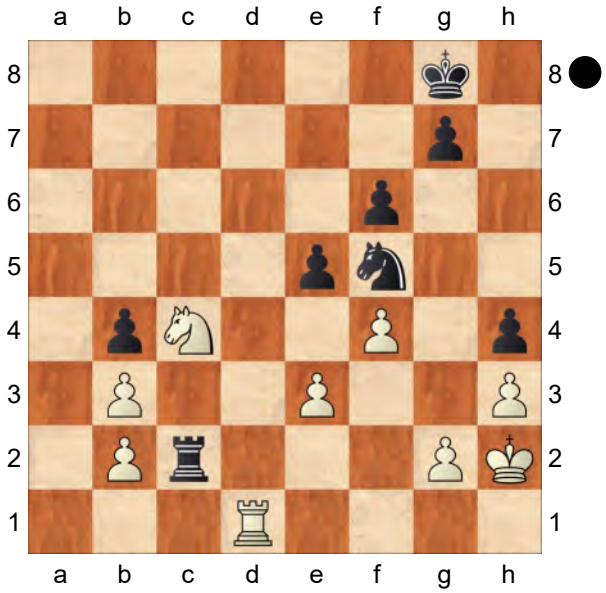
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**

86th Tata Steel Masters 2024 (12.1)

[Kitty Kat]

1.d4 9 **Nf6** 4 **2.c4** 14 **e6** 4 **3.Nf3** 12 **d5** 4 **4.Nc3** 21 **Nbd7** 4 **5.Bf4** 43 **Bb4** 7

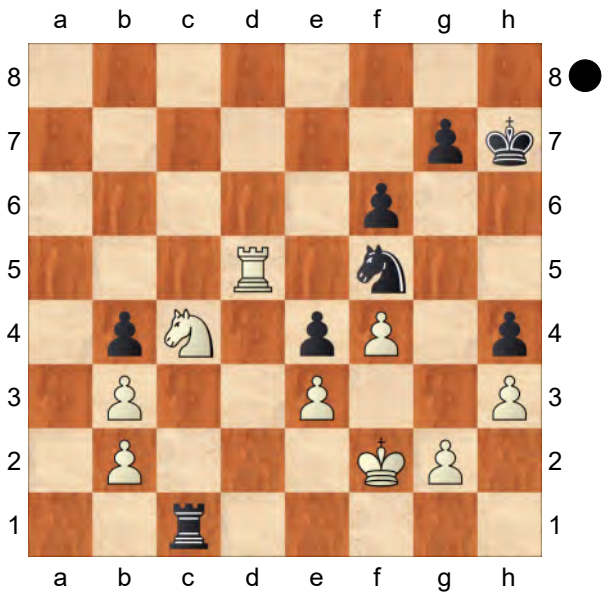
6.cxd5 44 D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4. **6...Nxd5** 5 **7.Bd2** 42 **N5f6** 5 **8.Qc2!** 2:17 White is slightly better. **8...b6** 2:11 **9.Nb5N** 14:33
[9.e4!±]
[Predecessor: 9.e4 Bb7 10.e5 Nd5 11.Bd3 c5 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Rc8 15.Rad1 0-1 (21) Hromadik,R (1853)-Ramos,C (1996) ICCF email 2022]
9...Bxd2+ 6:24 **10.Nxd2** 26 **c5** 4:23 **11.dxc5** 1:46 **Nxc5** 4:57 **12.Nb3** -0.23/27 19:58
[⌓12.b4 0.17/23 Na6 13.a3]
12...0-0= 7:35 **13.Rd1** 3:55 **Bd7** 6:10 **14.e3** 5:58 **Qb8** 11:51 **15.Be2** 7:11 **Rc8** 14:54 **16.Nd6** 12:28 **Rc6** 5:36 **17.Qd2** 1:52 **Nxb3** 2:57 **18.axb3** 21 **Rc5** 1:27 And now ...Rd5 would win. **19.Bf3** 2:56 Prevents Rd5. **19...Bc6** 1:22 **20.Bxc6** 24 **Rxc6** 5 **21.0-0** 10 **Qf8** 3:15 **22.Nb5** 3:54 **h6** 3:03 **23.h3** 1:58 **a5** 4:02 **24.Qd4** 4:03 **Qc5** 9:24 **25.Qxc5** 3:32 **Rxc5** 3:40 **26.Nc3** 3:34
[26.Na3=]
26...b5 16 **27.Rd4** 1:21 **b4** 3:22
[27...e5!∓ deserves consideration. 28.Rd2 e4 0.23/26 *(28...Rac8∓ -0.41/29)*]
[27...e5!? 28.Rd2 b4∓]
28.Na4 23 **Rc2** 32 **29.Nb6** 4:18 Against Rac8 **29...Re8** 2:23 **30.Nc4** 4:59 **e5** 2:05 **31.Rd2** 28 **Rxd2** 1:19 **32.Nxd2** 2 Endgame KRN-KRN **32...Rc8** 22 **33.Ra1** 2:47 **Rc2** 1:14 **34.Nc4** 5 **Ne4** 44 **35.f3** 6:36 **Ng3** 1:28 **36.Rxa5** 1:10
[36.Nxe5 Rxb2 37.Rxa5 Rxb3]
36...f6 1:00 **37.Kh2** 1:16 **Nf5** 1:26 **38.Rd5** 43
[38.f4!?]
38...h5 38 Black has compensation. **39.f4** -1.13/42 54
[39.Rd3!= -0.08/29 remains equal.]
39...h4!∓ 14
[Inferior is 39...Nh4? 0.42/35 39...h4 -1.14 40.Rd2 *(40.fxe5 -0.10/28 40.Rd2 0.41 Rxg2+ 41.Kh1 fxe5=)* 40...Rxd2 41.Nxd2±]
40.Rd1 33
[40.fxe5? -3.84/31 40.Rd8+ -1.18 too greedy. Rc1! 41.Rd8+ *(41.exf6? -#6/31 41.g4 -3.53 gets mated. Ng3 42.f7+ Kxf7 43.Rd7+ Kg8 44.Rd8+ Kh7)* 41...Kh7!-+]
[Don't go for 40.fxe5? Rc1 41.Rd8+ *(41.exf6* gets mated. *Ng3 42.f7+ Kxf7 43.Ne5+ Ke6)* 41...Kh7-+]



Against Rc1 **40...e4!** 3:27
[40...exf4∓ -0.78/23 40...e4 -1.22 41.exf4 Ng3]
41.Kg1 5:52 **Kh7** 5:42 **42.Rd5** 18:56 **Rc1+** 6:22 **43.Kf2** 6

(Diagram)

Ng3 4 **44.Nd2** 6 Against Rf1+ **44...g6** -0.35/37 1:13 Prevents f5.
[44...Nh1+∓ -0.82/34 45.Ke2 Ng3+ 46.Kf2 Rc2]



45.Rd4 1:20 **Rd1** 7 **46.Rd7+** 19 **Kg8** 13 **47.Rd8+** 16 **Kf7** 6 **48.Rd7+** 5 **Ke8** 42 **49.Rd6** 22 **f5** 30 **50.Rd4** 15 **Ke7** 38 **51.Rd5!** 5 **Nh1+** 13:38 **52.Ke2** 17 **Rg1** 5 **53.Rd4** -1.07/28 1:51

[53.Re5+∓ -0.69/32 deserves consideration. Kf7 54.Rd5]

53...Ke6 0.00/32 4:07

[Much worse is 53...Rxg2+ -0.25/25 53...Ng3+ -0.95 54.Kf1 Rh2 *(54...Rg3!? 55.Nc4□ Rf3+ 56.Kg2 Ng3=)* 55.Kg1 Rxh3 56.Nc4± *(56.Kg2? -2.91/26 56.Nc4 -0.08 Rxe3 57.Nc4 Re1∓)*]

[53...Kf6∓]

[Better is 53...Kf8∓ -1.07/28]

54.Rxb4= 5:10 The position is equal. **54...Rxg2+** 6 **55.Ke1** 5 **Rg3** 13:16 **56.Rb6+** 42 **Kf7** 2:23 **57.Nc4** 5:04 **Rxh3** 1:06 **58.Ne5+** 22

[58.b4!? aiming for b5. Rg3□ 59.Ne5+ Kg7 Threatens to win with ... h3. 60.Rb7+ Kh6 Hoping for ...h3. 61.Nf7+ Kh5 62.Rb8± -2.63/23 *(62.Ne5= 0.00/24 Kh6 63.Nf7+ Kh5 64.Ne5 Kh6)*]

58...Ke7 2:15 **59.Nxg6+** 6:20 **Kd7** 1:11 **60.Kf1** 1:12

[60.Ne5+ Kc7 61.Nc4 *(61.Rc6+ Kb7=)* 61...Rh2]

60...Rxe3 1:22 **61.Nxh4** 15:53 **Ng3+** 15:26 **62.Kf2** 1:12 **Rd3** 6 **63.Rb5** 57 **Kc6** 1:09 **64.Re5** 35 **Rxb3** 6 **65.Nxf5** 7 **Nxf5=** 5 **66.Rxf5** 5 **Kd6** 4 **67.Re5** 16

Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.06 (flawless)

½-½

58 **E11**

□ **Le,Quang Liem** **2733**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**

Asian Games tt (6.1) 04.10.2023

[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7**

[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap Zürich rapid 2009 (6)]

6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0N

[7.Qc2 Ne4 8.0-0 c6 9.Nc3 f5 10.Bf4 Nd7 11.Ne5 Qe8 12.f3 Nxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd7 15.Rab1 b5 16.c5 Qg6 17.e4 fxe4 18.fxe4 Rxf1+ 19.Rxf1 Rf8 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8 21.Qe2 Be8 ½-½ Hampton,S (2426)-Kolb,W (2283) 103/229 London 2008 (3) 22.h4 Qh5 23.Bf3 Qh6 24.Bf4 Qg6 25.Kh2 h5 26.Bg5 Bf7 27.Qe3 Qh7 28.Qf4 Bg6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Qc7 Be4 31.Be2 Qf5 32.Qf4 Qg6 33.Kg1 Bd3 34.Bf3 Bc4 35.a3 Qb1+ 36.Kf2 Qc2+ ½-½ Grigorjev,I (2426)-Filgueira,H (2283) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late

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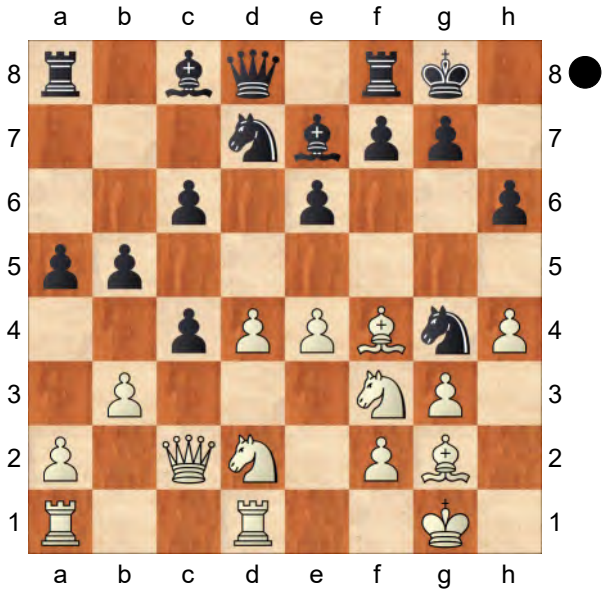
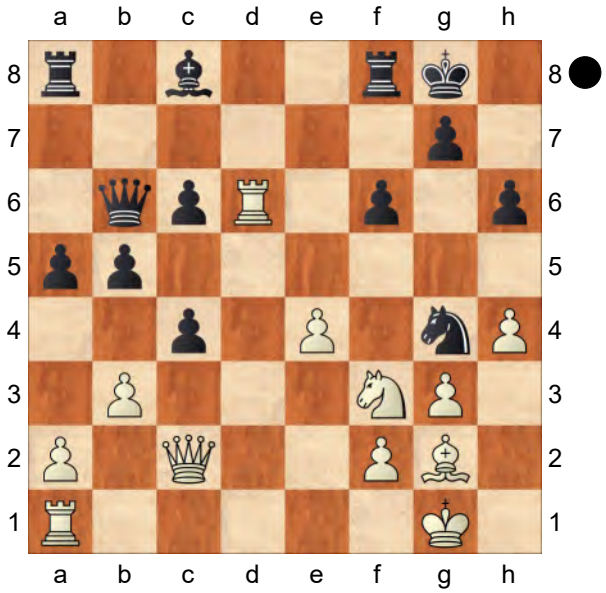
7...c6 8.Qc2 h6 9.Bf4 Nbd7 10.Rd1 a5 10...b6 is not played anymore. 10...b6 wird inzwischen seltener gespielt. White is slightly better. **11.h4 Ng4 12.e4N**
[Vorgänger: 12.Nc3 f5 13.Rac1 Qe8 14.Qb3 Kh8 15.Na4 Qh5 16.Nb6 a4 17.Nxa4 g5 18.hxg5 hxg5 ½-½ Rallabandi,P (2503)-Tsitsulin,A (2398) Webchess op7 final email 2020]
12...dxc4
[12...dxe4 with more complications. 13.Qxe4 e5 14.dxe5 Bc5]
13.Nbd2 b5 14.b3 -1.25/18
[14.e5= 0.08/22]



14...e5!∓ 15.Nxe5 Ndxe5 16.Bxe5 f6 -0.38/17
[Black should try 16...Nxe5∓ -1.27/22 17.dxe5 Qc7]
17.Bf4∓ Qxd4 18.Nf3 -0.93/21
[18.Nxc4!= -0.12/23 Qxf2+ 19.Qxf2 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 bxc4 21.Bd6]
18...Qb6 Hoping for ...c4-c3! Black is more active. **19.Bd6?** -2.35/22 This move loses the game for White.
[19.bxc4∓ -0.74/18 keeps fighting. b4 20.Qe2]
19...Bxd6-+ 20.Rxd6



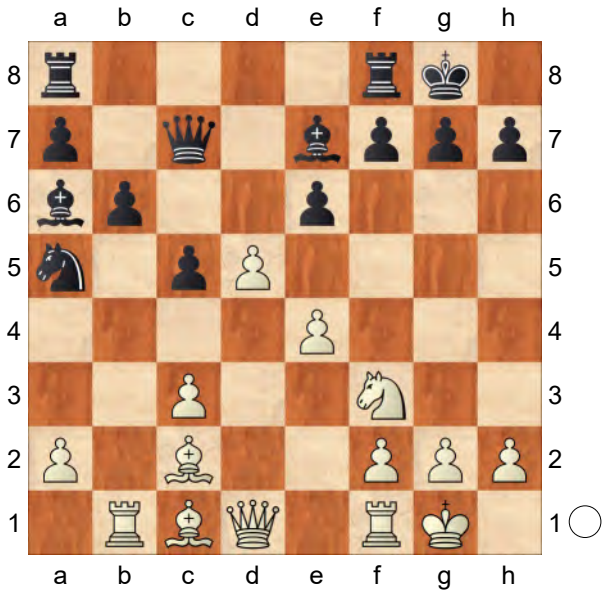
c3 21.a3
[21.Rad1 Qc5]
21...Ra7 22.Rad1 b4 Strongly threatening ...Ng4-e5. **23.Nd4** -3.53/19
[23.Bf1 -2.06/16 might work better.]
23...Rd7
[23...bxa3 24.Nxc6 Qxf2+ *(24...Rc7? 25.Ne7+* Discovered Attack *Kf7 26.Rxb6+-)* 25.Qxf2 Nxf2 26.Kxf2= *(26.Nxa7?* is the wrong capture. *Nxd1 27.Rxd1 c2-+)*]
24.Rxc6 Qa7 25.axb4 Rxd4 26.Rxd4 Qxd4 27.bxa5 Rd8 White must now prevent ...Qd4-d2. **28.Bf1 Bb7 29.Rc4 Qd1 30.Qxc3 Ba6 31.Kg2 Rd2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.17 (very precise)
0-1

59 **D35**
□ **Vakhidov,Jahongir** **2599**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
Sharjah Masters 7th (5) 18.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

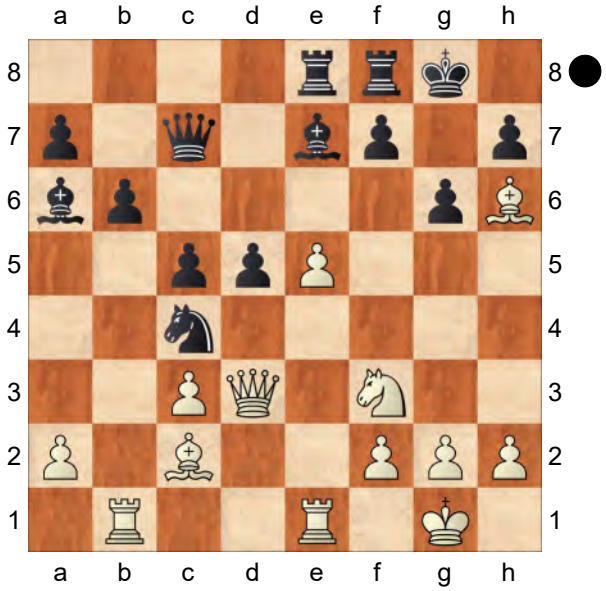
D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4**
[3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Bd6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Qc2 e5 8.cxd5 *(8.d4 e4 9.Nd2 a6 10.a4 Re8 11.Be2 h5 12.Ba3 Bxa3 13.Rxa3 Bf5 14.b4 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nf8 16.a5 Ne6 17.Rfa1 g6 18.b5 axb5 19.cxb5 c5 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Nb3 Nxb3 22.Qxb3 d4* 0-1 Marcetic,N (2003)-Mah,K (2444) Jugoslavija (ch) 29/209 1980 (1) *)* 8...cxd5 9.Nb5 Nc6 10.Nxd6 Qxd6 11.Bb5 Bg4 12.Bxc6 Bxf3 13.gxf3 bxc6 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Rg1 Rfe8 16.Qf5 d4 17.Kf1 g6 Ganguly,S (2609)-Mendonca,L (2536) chess24.com (Int.-rapid) 153/(4) 2022]
3...Nf6 4.cxd5N
[4.Nf3 a6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 c6 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.e3 Qe7 12.Qc2 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 Nf6 15.Nc4 Bf5 16.Rfd1 Nd5 17.a3 Rad8 18.Re1 Qe6 8 Chapter-Games Chapter 9 Game]
4...Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.Rb1 Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Bc4 Qc7 White has an edge. **10.Bb3 b6 11.0-0 Nc6 12.d5 Na5 13.Bc2 Ba6!**

(Diagram)

Wards off Qd1-e2 **14.e5! exd5 15.Re1 Rae8 16.Bf4 Nc4** aiming for ...Nc4-a3. **17.Qd3**

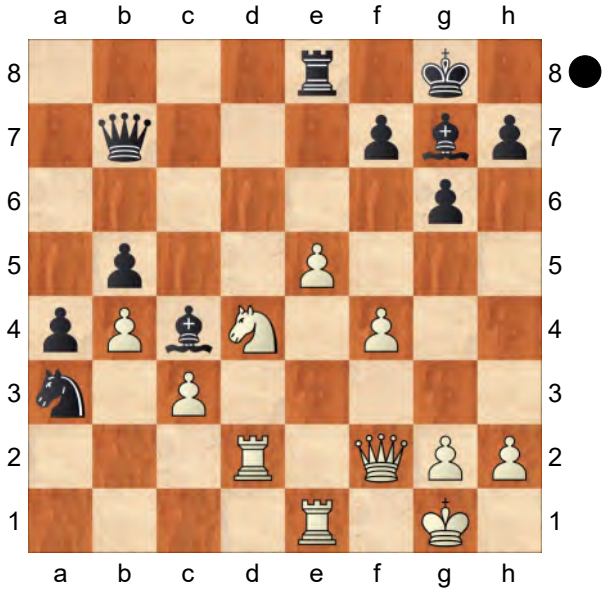


[17.Qxd5 Na3 18.Qe4 Nxc2 19.Qxc2 Qc8±]
17...g6 18.Bh6 -0.08/20
[White should play 18.Ba4!± 0.48/21]



18...Bc8!= 19.Bxf8
[19.Ba4 Rd8]
19...Bxf8 20.Qxd5 Na3 21.Rbc1 Strongly threatening Bc2-e4. **21...Bh6** Black has compensation. **22.Ba4! Be6 23.Qe4 b5 24.Rcd1**
[24.Bb3? c4 25.Ra1 cxb3 26.axb3 Bf5-+]

24...Qe7
[24...bxa4? 25.Qxa4 Qc8 26.Qxa3+-]
25.Bb3 Bb3xe6 would now be deadly.
25...c4 26.Nd4 cxb3 27.axb3 a5 28.Qc6 -0.58/22
[28.h4= -0.22/21]
28...Bf8∓ ...Qe7-d7 is the strong threat.
29.Ra1 -1.98/23
[29.Nxe6!∓ -0.51/21 Qxe6 30.Qxe6 Rxe6 *(30...fxe6 31.Re4-+)* 31.Re4]
29...Qd8 30.Qe4 -2.20/19
[⩲30.Nxe6 -1.79/18 Rxe6 31.Qb7]
30...Bd5-+ 31.Qf4 Qb6 32.Rad1 -2.23/23
[32.h4 -1.63/17 was necessary.]
32...Qb7 33.Qg3 a4 34.b4 Bb3 35.Rd2 Qd5 -1.32/21
[Black should try 35...Be6-+ -2.23/21 36.Nxe6 Rxe6 *(36...fxe6? 37.h4-+)*]
36.f4∓ Bg7 37.Qf2 -1.62/18
[37.h4∓ -1.10/20 might work better.]
37...Qb7-+ 38.Rde2 -2.59/21
[38.Ra1∓ -1.58/20 was worth a try. Nc4 39.Re2]
38...Bc4 39.Rd2



Bd5! 40.Rdd1 Nc4 41.h4 h5 42.Kh2 a3 43.g3 Nb2 44.Rd2 Na4 45.Nc2 a2
[45...Nxc3 46.Qd4 Qc6 47.Nxa3∓]
46.Ne3 Bb3
[Not 46...Nxc3 47.Nxd5 Nxd5 48.Qg2-+]
47.Rd3 -4.33/21 White is weak on the light squares
[47.Rxa2 -2.94/18 is a better defense. Bxa2 *(47...Nxc3? 48.Ra3-+)* 48.Qxa2]
47...Qe4 48.Qf1 Qc6 49.Rc1 Qe4 White must now prevent ...Re8-c8.
50.Re1 Ra8 51.Rd4 Qc6 52.c4 Nc3 Black is clearly winning. **53.Ra1 bxc4** Threatens to win with ...Qc6-b6. **54.Qe1 Nb5 55.Rd5 Bf8 56.e6 c3 57.exf7+ Kxf7 58.Re5 Nd4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.10 (very precise)
0-1

60 **B43**
□ **Jumabayev,Rinat** **2577**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
FIDE World Rapid Team (12.8) 04.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

B43: Sicilian: Kan Variation: 5 Nc3 Van Wely,L: 'Inf 96/169' ELSHAN'S EXPLORATIONS LEGENDS PLAYING THE RAGOZIN *** A botanical analysis and a few notes *** As part of Magnus Carlsen Invitational Tour, the "Legends of Chess" event was a unique one: three world champions, two challengers, and five elite players - both recent and current ones - took part in the preliminary event after which four participants qualified for the final stage. But what is so unique about this event? It is not only the clash of the "pre-Magnus era" leading players with some of today's elite, but it is also a clash

between two generations. Those who played chess online as kids and those who have not spent much playing chess online before! The tournament proved a hard test for the older generation not only for its format, but also for its demanding nature as an online event. Despite seeing good fights from middle-aged lions, it was the young ones who prevailed with Carlsen showing his dominance once more by beating Nepomniachtchi in the final. I took a different angle toward this event and tried to explore the Ragozin Defence and its trending in the online events. The legends did not disappoint at all! Here, I share four games with you, with the last one encompassing all of Ivanchuk's effort in transforming it into a Nimzo structure. Nevertheless, the most entertaining of these games is the one between Carlsen and Giri where the World Champion essayed another new idea in the Ragozin. An in-depth analysis of the line is included in the game. Dear readers, enjoy the material and stay safe! **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 Bc5 8.Nb3 Ba7N**

[8...Be7 9.f4 d6 10.a4 Nc6 11.a5 b5 12.axb6 Qxb6+ 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Qe2 a5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.c3 d5 18.e5 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Bxc5 Ba6 22.c4 Rd8 23.Nd6 1-0 Carlsen,M (2646)-Van Wely,L (2655) Schagen (m/2) 96/169 2006 f5 24.exf6 Rxd6 25.Qxe4 Bb7 26.Bxd6 Qxd6 27.Rad1 Nd8 28.f7+ Kxf7 29.Qxh7 Qc6 30.Rf2 Qe4 31.f5 e5 32.Rfd2 Bc6 33.Qg6+ Ke7 34.Rd7+ 1-0 Carlsen,M (2863)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com (Internet-m/2-rapid) 2020]

9.Qf3 Nc6 10.Bf4 d6! 11.Bg5!? -0.12/20 A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante.

[11.Be2 0.25/19 was preferrable.]

11...Qe7N

[Vorgänger: 11...Ne5 12.Qg3 Bd7 13.Kh1 0-0-0 14.f4 Ng6 15.f5! Ne5 16.Ne2 -0.81/17 *(16.Be2= -0.20/19)* 16...h6 17.Be3 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 ½-½ Frank,A (2327)-Haring,F (2429) Mitropa Cup Corte 2022 (4.4)]

12.Rad1 Black should prevent Bd3xa6!

12...h6 13.Be3 0-0 14.Bxa7 Rxa7 15.a4 Ra8 16.Qg3 e5 17.Bc4 -0.36/20

[17.Nd5= 0.10/22 Nxd5 18.exd5]

17...Nb4∓ 18.Rd2 Qc7 19.Be2 Be6 20.f4 Kh7

[20...Nxc2!? 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Rxf6 Bxb3= *(22...Qb6+ 23.Rf2±)*]

21.Nc1

[21.fxe5 looks sharper. dxe5 22.Rxf6 gxf6 23.Nd5]

21...Rad8 22.Kh1 Rfe8 23.Bf3 Nc6 24.f5 Bc4 25.Rfd1 b5 0.38/21

[25...Qa5!∓ -0.70/20]

26.b3± b4 0.98/24

[26...Qa5!± 0.36/24 27.Nb1 *(27.Rxd6? Qxc3 28.bxc4 Rxd6-+)* 27...d5 *(27...Qb4? 28.c3±)* 28.bxc4 *(28.exd5 e4=)* 28...dxc4]

27.N3a2± d5 28.exd5

[28.bxc4?! dxc4 29.Rd5 a5 30.Rxd8 Rxd8=]

28...Ne7 2.47/23

[28...Na5± 1.15/19]

29.bxc4+-

[29.d6?! Rxd6 30.Rxd6 Nxf5]

29...Nxf5 30.Qh3 Ne3 31.Re1 1.02/19

[31.Be2+- 2.74/19 is more deadly. Nxd1 32.Rxd1]

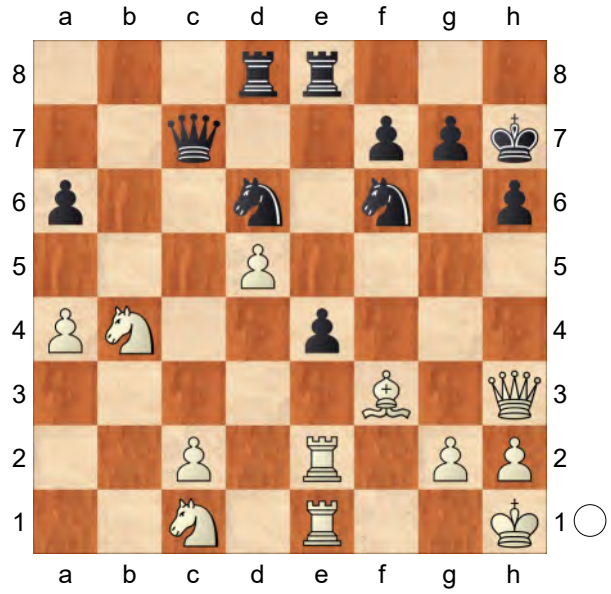
31...Nxc4± 32.Rde2 Nd6 2.03/20

[32...a5± 0.83/17 keeps fighting.]

33.Nxb4+-

[33.Rxe5?! Rxe5 34.Rxe5 Qxc2±]

33...e4



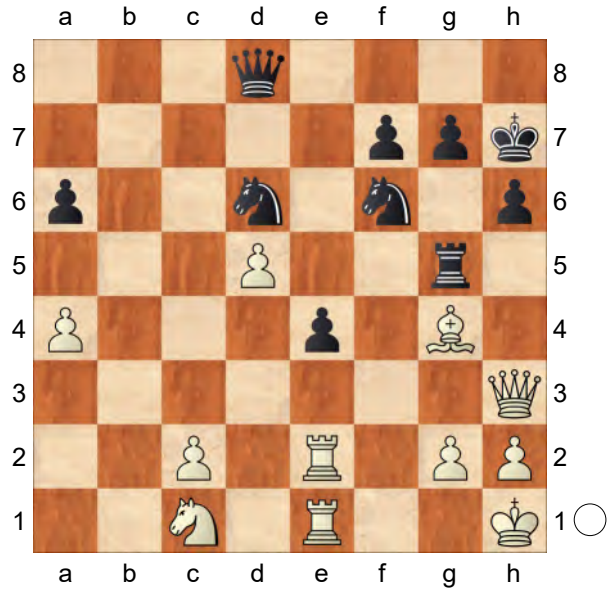
34.Bg4

[34.Nxa6? Qb6 35.Bg4 Qxa6-+]

34...Re5 35.Nc6

[35.Nxa6 Qc4 36.Nd3 Rg5∓ *(36...exd3 37.Qxd3+ Qxd3 38.cxd3±)*]

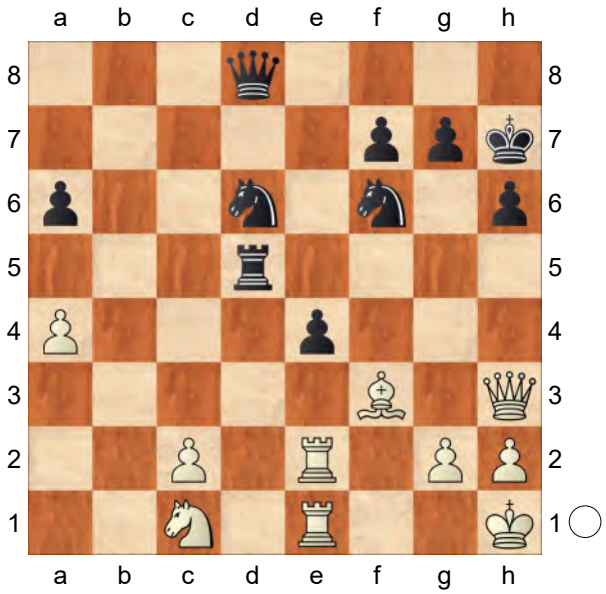
35...Rg5 36.Nxd8 Qxd8



37.Bf3 Rxd5

[37...exf3 38.Qxf3]

(Diagram)



38.Nb3! Dodges Qd8-a5 **38...exf3 39.Qxf3 Qc7 40.Qg3** 1.13/20

[40.Nd2+- 2.09/18]

40...Qc4± 41.Qf3 0.56/19

[White should play 41.a5± 1.12/22]

41...Nf5? 2.83/21

[41...Qxa4± 0.56/19 42.Nd2 Qxc2]

42.Rd2+- Threatens to win with Rd2xd5.

42...Qb4 43.Rf1 Nh4 2.83/20

[⌓43...Re5 1.74/20 44.Qd3 g6]

44.Qe2 aiming for Rd2xd5. **44...Rxd2 45.Qxd2 Qb7 46.Nd4 Ne4?** 4.00/19

[46...Ng4 2.49/20 47.Re1 Qd5]

47.Qf4 Qd5 48.Qxh4

[48.Qxf7? Ng3+ 49.hxg3 Qxg2#]

48...Qxd4 Endgame. KQR-KQN **49.Qf4**

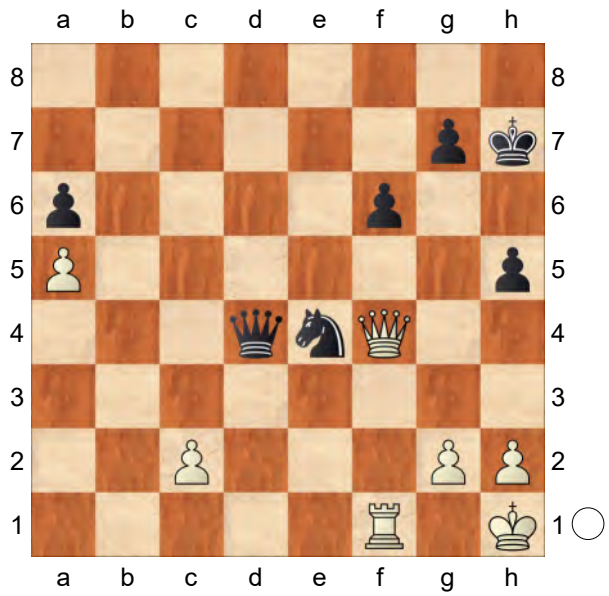
[49.Rxf7? gets mated. Qd1+ *(49...Qxa4?* too greedy. *50.Qf4+-; 49...Qxa4?* perishes. *50.Qf4+-)*]

49...f6 50.a5 h5 5.65/20

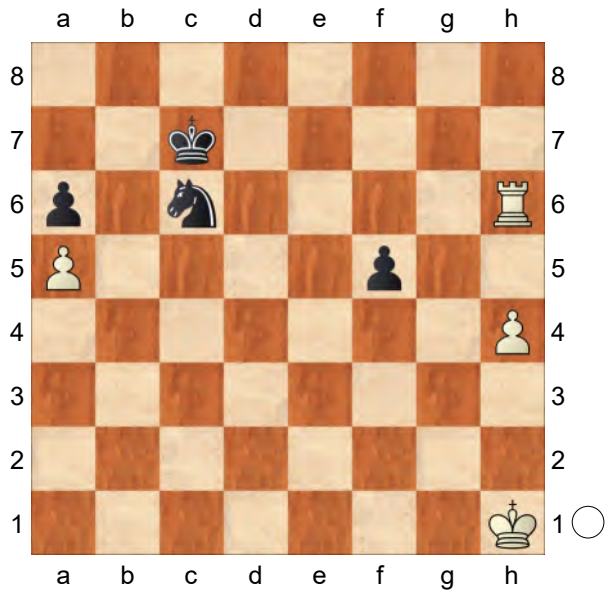
[⌓50...Kg8 3.74/19 51.c3 Qd3]

(Diagram)

51.c3! Qd3 52.Qf3 Qd5 53.Qf5+ Qxf5 54.Rxf5 KR-KN **54...g5 55.Rd5 Kg6 56.c4 Kf7 57.Rd4 f5 58.Rd7+ Ke6**



59.Rh7 h4 60.Rh6+ Nf6 61.c5 Ke5 62.c6 Nd5 63.Rh5 Deflection **63...g4 64.Rxh4 Kd6 65.Rh6+ Kc7 66.h4 gxh3 67.gxh3 Nb4 68.h4 Nxc6**



69.Rxc6+! Kxc6 70.h5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) / Black=0.35
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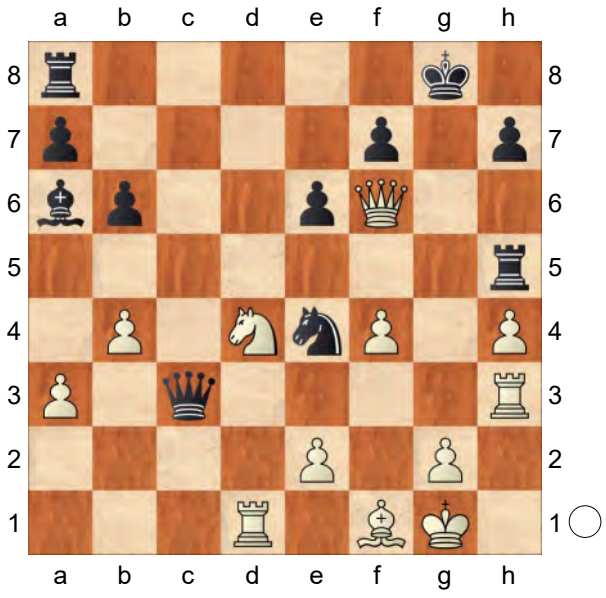
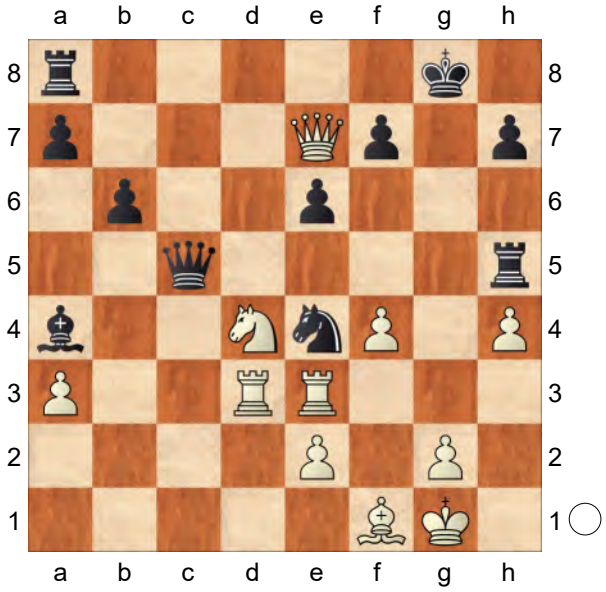
61 **E36**
□ **Nguyen,Thai Dai Van** **2630**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2715**
Prague Masters 6th (6) 04.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

E36: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...d5 5 a3 A Disastrous Ending: Alexander Beliavsky plays a model game to a point...then it all falls apart. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 dxc4**
[6...Nc6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.e3 Re8 11.Rc1 Bd7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Be2 Nd8 14.Ne5 Bf5 15.0-0 c6 16.b4 E 36/01 Chess Informant ECO E4 Survey 2008]
7.Qxc4 b6 8.Nf3 Ba6N
[8...0-0 9.g3 Bb7 10.Bg2 Bd5 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.0-0 c5 13.Bg5 Rc8 14.Qa4 Bc6 15.Qc4 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Rfd1 Bxf3 18.Bxf3 cxd4 19.Qxd4 Ne5 20.Kg2 Rc4 21.Qd2 g5 22.h3 Rfc8 23.Rac1 1-0 Jovanovic,S-Cauchy Fernandez,A USSR 45/316 1988 Kg7 24.Be4 R8c5 25.Bd3 Nxd3 26.exd3 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 Rd5 28.Rc7 a5 29.Qc3 Qxc3 30.Rxc3 Rb5 31.b3 Kf6 32.Kf3 h5 33.d4 Rf5+ 34.Ke2 Ke7 35.a4 Kd7 36.Rf3 Rxf3 37.Kxf3 f5 38.h4 1-0 Ivanov,S-Beliavsky,A Yugoslav Team Championship Vrnjacka Banja YUG 1999]
9.Qa4+ Qd7 The position is equal.
10.Qc2
[10.Qxd7+ simplifies Nbxd7 11.Rg1 h5 12.b4]
10...0-0 11.Bg5 c5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.dxc5 Rc8 14.Rd1 Qb7 0.84/19
[14...Qe7= 0.23/20]
15.h4!± Hoping for Rh1-h3. **15...Nd7** 1.21/22

[⌓15...Nc6 0.71/19]
16.Qd2! White is more active. **16...Nxc5**
17.Qh6 And now Rh1-h3! would win.
17...Ne4? 3.04/22
[17...Qe7!± 0.56/21]
18.Rh3+- aiming for Nf3-d2. **18...Rc5**
[18...Rc2? 19.Nd2 Rxd2 *(19...Rxb2? 20.Nxe4* Remove Defender *Qxe4 21.Rg3++-)* 20.Rxd2+-]
19.Nd4 1.95/20
[⌓19.Nh2 3.28/23 Threatens to win with f2-f3. Qc7 20.f3]
19...Qc7 20.f3 Ng3 21.b4
[21.Qxf6 Nh5 22.Qh6 Qe5±]
21...Rh5 22.Qxf6 Black must now prevent Nd4xe6! **22...Qc3+?** 3.63/21 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[22...Rd5± 1.57/22]
23.Kf2 Nf5 24.f4 Nd6 25.Kg1→ 2.45/21 White is out for blood.
[25.Rxc3 Ne4+ 26.Kg1 Nxf6±]
[25.Rg3+? Qxg3+ 26.Kxg3 Ne4+ 27.Kh3 Nxf6-+]
[⌓25.Re3 4.69/22]
25...Ne4



Strongly threatening ...Qc3xh3. **26.Qe7!**
[Much less strong is 26.Rxc3?! Nxf6 27.Rdc1 Rxh4+-]
26...Qc8 27.b5 Bxb5 2.67/21
[27...Qc5 1.70/19 was worth a try. 28.Qxc5 bxc5 29.bxa6 Rd5 Pin]
28.Re3 Ba4 3.46/22
[⌓28...Rd5 2.23/20]
29.Rdd3 Qc5



30.Rg3+! Deflection **30...Kh8**
[30...Nxg3? loses. 31.Rxg3++-]
[30...Rg5 31.Rxg5+]
31.Qxf7 Rg5 Dodges Qf7-g7+ **32.Rxg5**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.55
1-0

62 **E05**
□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2716**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
Asian Games Hangzhou rapid (5)
[Kitty Kat]

E05: Open Catalan: 5 Nf3 Be7 I wanted to provide an informational to show the most natural way to play against the Catalan and explain why we went for the rare sideline in this course. The following theory was taken from my

Aggressive Queen's Gambit Declined course if you are thinking of playing this as an alternative. White has multiple options, some of which are quite theory-intense and easy to err in. We wanted something more points A to B and ideas based in this text. Let's get into some of the honeycomb variations to see what you would need to learn to play against the mainline Open Catalan with Black. Anytime it is noted that White has other options they are covered in detail in the aforementioned text. We stuck to the mainlines to give the reader an idea of the complexity of the mainline. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 7.Qc2 a6**

[7...b6 8.Qxc4 Bb7 9.Nc3 c5 10.Rd1 Nbd7 11.Ne5 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Qc8 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.dxc5 Qc6+ 15.f3 Qxc5 16.Qxc5 Bxc5 17.Bf4 Rfd8 18.e4 Ne8 19.Kf1 Kf8 20.Ke2 Ke7 21.Nb5 Rdc8 22.Rac1 ½-½ C 06/32 (2794)-Vasquez Bonifacio,L (2809) WYCC U16 Open 2013 Al-Ain UAE (9)]

8.a4 Nc6N

[8...Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Rd1 *(10.Bg5 Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Rfe1 Nb6 13.Qd3 h6 14.Bd2 Nbd5 15.e4 Nb4 16.Qb1 b6* 8) Catalan-Dessaules,P 1... e6 Against Everything 2024*)* 10...Nbd7 11.Nc3 a5 12.Qd3 Bb4 13.b3 Nc5 14.Qc2 Nce4 15.Na2 Ng4 16.Nxb4 axb4 17.Rf1 Ngxf2 18.Rxf2 Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bxf3 20.Kxf3 Qf6+ 21.Ke3 e5 22.Bf3 exd4+ 23.Kf2 0-1 Vangsgaard,C (2490)-Lund,H Cesme 92/105 2004 (2) d3 24.Qb2 Qf5 25.exd3 Rfe8 26.Bd2 Rad8 27.Re1 Rxe1 28.Bxe1 Rxd3 29.Qe2 Qc5+ 30.Kg2 Re3 31.Qd2 Qe7 32.Bf2 Rxb3 33.Qd5 Rb2 34.Qxb7 g6 35.Qa8+ Kg7 36.Qa7 Rd2 37.a5 b3 38.a6 0-1 Speelman,J (2490)-Li,Z WchT U26 02 prel-1 Mexico City 1980 (2)]

9.Qxc4 Na5 is more profitable than 9... Qd5 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 9...Dd5. **10.Qc2 b6 11.Ne5 Bb7** White is slightly better. **12.Bxb7 Nxb7 13.Nc6 Qe8 14.Rd1 Bc5 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.Nd2 Nd5N**

[Vorgänger: 16...c5 17.Ndc4 Black must now prevent Nc4xd6. Bc7 18.dxc5 Nxc5 19.Be3 Nd5 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.Rd2 f6 22.Nd3 Qe7 ½-½ Soham,K (2367)-De Silva,L (2521) Commonwealth-ch 2022 (6)]

17.Ndc4

[17.Nd3 simplifies Rc8 18.e4 Nb4 19.Nxb4 Bxb4 20.Nc4]

17...b5 18.Ne3

[18.axb5 simplifies axb5 19.Nxd6 cxd6 20.Rxa8 Qxa8 21.e4]

18...Nb4 19.Qe4 Na5 20.axb5 f5 21.Qb1 Qxb5 22.b3! Bxe5 23.dxe5 Nbc6↑ Black is more active. **24.b4 Nxb4 25.Ba3** -1.12/21

[25.Bd2∓ -0.51/20 c5 26.Bxb4 cxb4 27.Nc2 *(27.Qa2 b3∓)*]

25...c5!∓ 26.Rd6 Rfe8

[26...Qxe2? 27.Bxb4 Nb7 28.Rd2+- *(28.Rxe6 f4±)*]

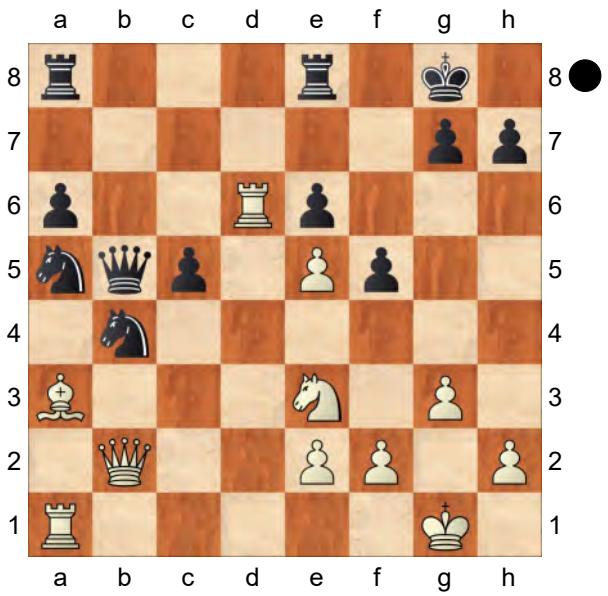
[26...f4 seems wilder. 27.gxf4 Rxf4 28.Rxe6 Qxe2 29.Qf1 Qxf1+ 30.Rxf1 Nb3]

27.Qb2 Nac6 aiming for ...Nc6-d4. **28.Ng2** -1.19/20

[28.Bxb4!∓ -0.49/23 cxb4 29.Rxc6 Remove Defender Qxc6 30.Qxb4]

28...Na5 Threatens to win with ...Na5-c4. Excellent horsemanship. **29.Ne3**

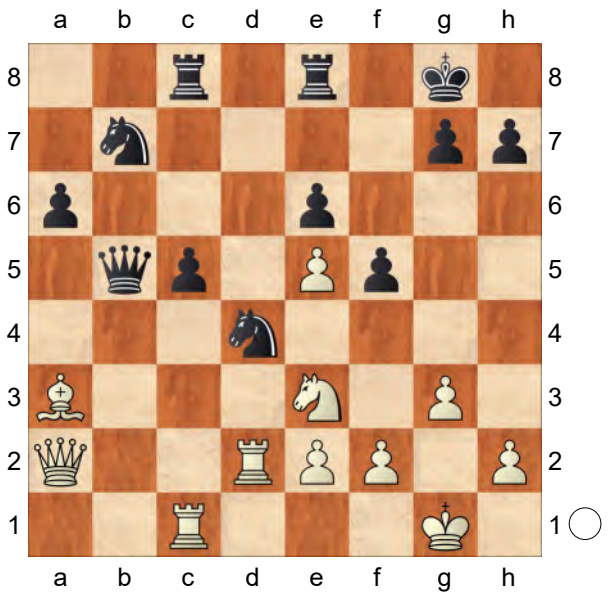
(Diagram)



Rac8 -0.56/19
[Black should play 29...Nac6!∓ -1.16/19 And now ...Nc6-d4 would win. 30.Rc1 Nd4]
30.Rc1∓ Nb7 -0.24/22
[30...Rb8∓ -0.63/20]
31.Rd2= Nc6 0.00/24
[31...Na5∓ -0.62/19]
32.Qa2 Rd2-b2 would now be deadly.
32...Nd4? 3.80/21
[32...Nxe5? 33.Rb1+- *(33.Nxf5 Rc7±)*]
[32...a5= 0.00/24 and Black is okay.]

(Diagram)

33.Rxd4!+- cxd4
[33...Kh8 34.Rd3]
34.Rxc8
[34.Nxf5? is the wrong capture. Rxc1+ *(34...Qxe5?* too greedy. *35.Ne7+ Kh8 36.Nxc8+-)* 35.Bxc1 Qxe5 36.Nxg7 Qxg7-+ *(36...Kxg7? 37.Qxa6 Re7 38.Qd3-+)*]
34...Kf7 35.Rc7+ Kg6 36.Ng2 Strongly threatening Ng2-h4+. **36...Na5 37.Nh4+ Kh6 38.Rc5** 6.94/17

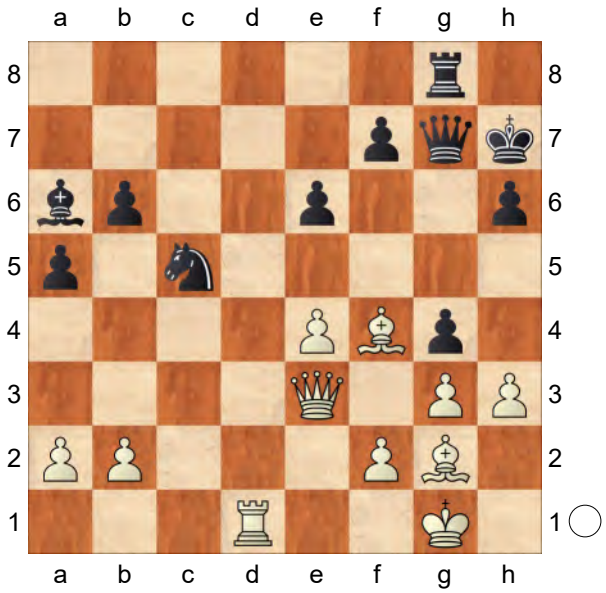


[⌓38.Bc1+ #8/15 f4 39.Bxf4+ g5 40.Bxg5+ Decoy Kxg5 41.Rg7+ *(41.Rxh7 Qxe5 42.Qd2+ Qe3 43.fxe3 Rh8 44.exd4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg4 45.Qf4+ Kh3 46.Rxh8 Nc6 47.Ng6#)* 41...Kh6 42.Qxe6+ Kxg7 43.Nf5+ Kh8 44.Qf6+ Kg8 45.Nh6#]
38...Qb3 White is clearly winning.
39.Qd2+ g5 40.Rxa5 f4 41.Nf3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.61
1-0

63 **E11**
□ **Esipenko,Andrey** **2683**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
FIDE Grand Swiss (10) 04.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 h6 8.Qc2 c6 9.Bf4 Nbd7** White has an edge. White is slightly better. **10.Rd1 a5** 10...b6 is vanishing. 10...b6 scheint zu verschwinden. **11.Nc3 b6 12.Ne5**

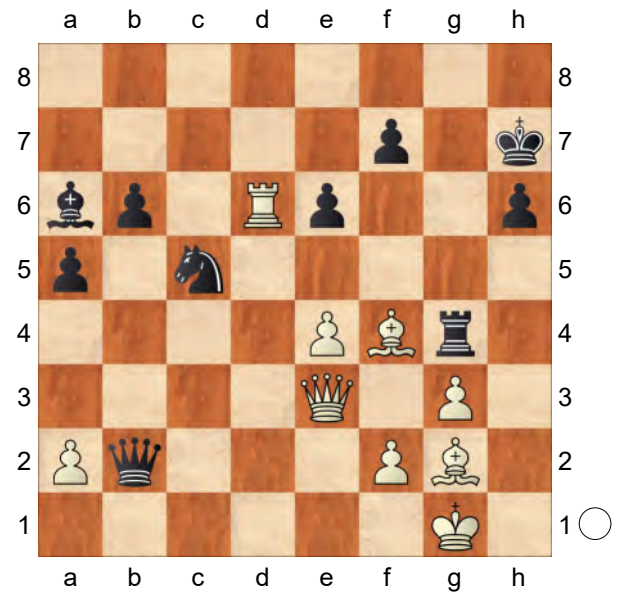
Nxe5 13.dxe5 Nd7 14.cxd5 cxd5
[14...exd5?! 15.e4 d4 16.Rxd4±]
15.e4↑ White is pushing. **15...d4 16.Rxd4 Bc5N**
[Vorgänger: 16...g5 17.Bc1 *(17.Be3!?)* 17...Qc7 18.Rd1 -0.31/20 *(18.Be3± 0.34/22)* 18...Nxe5∓ 19.Be3 Ng4 20.Bd2 Ba6 21.Rac1 Rac8 *(21...Bc5!? 22.Be1 Ne5∓)* 22.Qa4? -2.40/21 *(22.Bf1∓ -0.74/22 Bxf1 23.Kxf1)* 22...Bc5 0-1 Luo,T (2351)-Huston,G (2439) New York Marshall Labor Day GM 2023 (6)]
[16...Qc7 17.Rd2 Bc5 18.Na4 Bb7 19.Rad1 Bc6 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Rd6 Rac8 22.Qe2 Kh7 23.h4 Nb7 24.R6d2 Rfd8 25.Be3 Rxd2 26.Rxd2 Nc5 27.Bxc5 bxc5 28.Rd6 Be8 29.Qd2 a4 30.Bf1 Rb8 31.Bc4 0-1 Woodward,A (2545)-Esipenko,A (2677) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In Chess.com INT rapid 2024 (4)]
17.Rdd1↑ White is more active. White has more active pieces. **17...g5! 18.Bc1** Threatens to win with Nc3-a4. **18...Qc7** 1.19/21
[18...Ba6± 0.56/21]
19.Na4± Qxe5 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Be3 Ba6 2.07/22
[21...Bb7± 1.46/18]
22.Bd4+- Qc7 23.Qc3 Hoping for Bd4-e5. aiming for Bd4-g7. **23...Kh7 24.Be5 Qa7** 2.67/20
[⩲24...Qc8 1.93/18 25.Rd6 Qb7]
25.Qf3 Rg8 26.Rd6 g4 27.Qe3 Rad8 3.16/26
[⩲27...Qe7 2.18/20]
28.Rad1 1.88/21
[⩲28.Bg7 3.16/26 Kxg7 *(28...Rxd6 29.Qxh6#)* 29.Qd4+ f6 *(29...e5? 30.Qxe5+ Kh7 31.Qf5+ Rg6 32.Rxd8+-)* 30.Rxd8]
28...Qe7 29.h3 1.32/22
[White should try 29.h4+- 1.76/22]
29...Rxd6± 30.Bxd6
[30.Rxd6?! f6 31.Bf4 e5 32.Rxb6 exf4 33.Qxf4 Qe5 *(33...Rg6∓)* 34.Qxf6 Qxf6 35.Rxf6 gxh3 36.Bxh3 Bc8 37.Bf5+ Bxf5 38.exf5 Rg5 39.Rf7+ Kg8-+]
30...Qg5 31.Bf4 Qg7



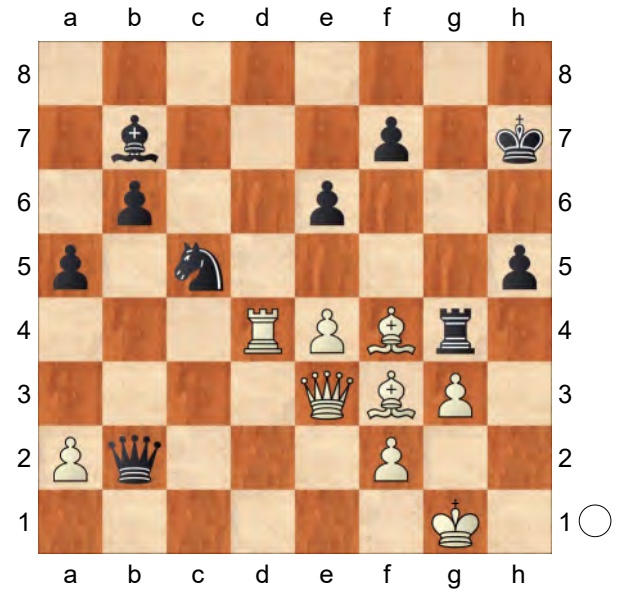
White must now prevent ...e6-e5. ...e6-e5 would now be deadly. **32.Rd6** 0.29/23
[32.e5!± 0.87/18]
32...Qxb2 0.68/23
[32...gxh3!= 0.29/23
A) 33.Bxh3 Qxb2 34.Kh2 *(34.Bf5+ exf5=)* 34...Rg6=;
B) 33.Rxb6 hxg2 34.Kxg2 Qg4∓;
C) 33.Bf3 Qxb2]
33.hxg4±
[33.Bxh6?! gxh3 34.Bxh3 Bd3=]
33...Rxg4

(Diagram)

34.Bf3! A strong pair of Bishops. **34...h5**
35.Rd4 0.48/19 The board is on fire.
[35.Rd2± 1.33/19 Qb1+ 36.Rd1]
[35.Kh2+- 1.62/18]
35...Bb7? 1.04/17



[35...e5 36.Bxe5 Ne6 37.Rd5 *(37.Bxg4 hxg4 38.Kh2 Qb5=)* 37...Qb1+ 38.Kh2+- *(38.Rd1 Qb5+-)*]
[35...Qxa2!± 0.48/19 36.Kg2 *(36.Bxg4 hxg4 37.Rd6 Qc4=)* 36...Bb7]



36.Kh2!+- 1.93/19
[36.Be5± 1.04/17 Rxe4 37.Bxe4+ Bxe4 38.Qe1 *(38.Kh2 Qb1±)*]
[36.Bxg4?! hxg4 37.Qd2 Qxd2 38.Rxd2 *(38.Bxd2 Nxe4 39.Rd7 Bd5±)* 38...Bxe4±]
36...Qb1 2.40/22
[36...Rg6 1.93/19 keeps fighting. 37.Bxh5 Rf6]
[36...Rg8 1.82/19 was necessary. 37.Be5 *(37.Bxh5 f6+-)* 37...h4]
37.Be5 1.19/18
[Not 37.Bxg4 hxg4 38.Qe2 Bxe4 *(38...f5±)* 39.Rd1±]
[37.Qc3+- 2.40/22 is more deadly. White wants to mate with Rd4-d8. Rg7 *(37...Nxe4? too greedy. 38.Qc7+-)* 38.Be5 *(38.Bxh5 Nxe4 39.Qd3 Qxd3∓)* 38...Nxe4 39.Bxe4+ *(39.Bxg7? Nxc3 Discovered Attack 40.Bxb7 Kxg7-+; 39.Qe3 f6+-)* 39...Bxe4 40.Rxe4 *(40.Bxg7? Qh1#)* 40...Qxe4 41.Bxg7]
[37.Rd8+- 2.76/23 Intending Qe3-c3 and mate. Qa1 38.Bc7 *(38.Bxg4 hxg4 39.Qd4 Qxd4±)*]
37...Bxe4? 5.49/24
[37...Rxe4± 1.19/18 38.Rxe4 *(38.Bxe4+ Bxe4 39.f3 Qb2+ 40.Kh3 Qb1±)* 38...Nxe4]
38.Rd1+- Qc2 39.Bxg4 Intending Rd1-d8! and mate. **39...hxg4 40.Rd8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.45 Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.53
1-0

64 **E53**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Sarana,Alexey** **2682**
FIDE Grand Swiss (9) 03.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E53: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line (4...0-0 5 Nf3 d5 6 Bd3 c5 7 0-0)
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3

dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.Nf3 Qc7 10.Be2 b6 11.Bb2! now scores much better than the old 11.0-0. punktet besser als das ältere 11.0-0. **11...Bb7 12.0-0 Nc6** The position is equal. **13.c4 Rfd8 14.Rc1 Ne7**

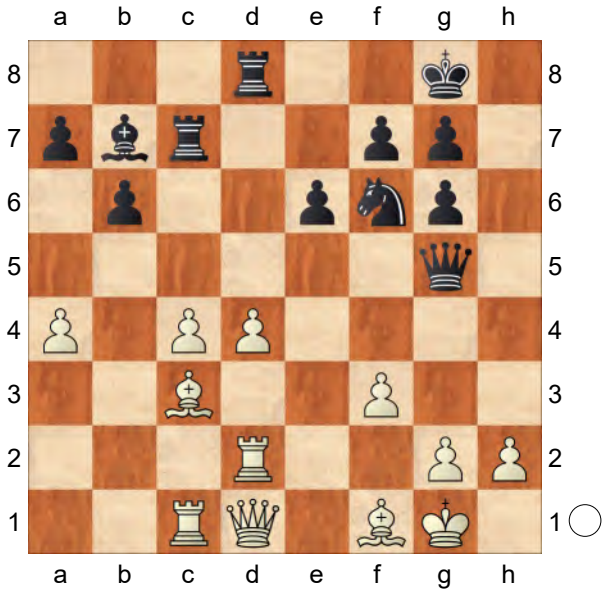
[14...Rac8 15.Re1 cxd4 16.exd4 Qf4 17.h3 Na5 18.d5 exd5 19.Be5 Qh6 20.Nd4 dxc4 21.Bf3 Re8 22.Bxb7 Nxb7 23.Qf3 Rxe5 24.Qxb7 Rce8 25.Red1 Qf4 26.Qxa7 Rd5 27.Nf3 b5 28.Qb7 h6 29.Re1 1-0 Eljanov,P (2755)-Gelfand,B (2739) Moscow Tal Memorial 5th 2010 (5)]

15.Ne5N

[Vorgänger: 15.h3 Ng6 16.Re1 cxd4 17.exd4 Qf4 18.Qb3 Rac8 19.a4 Ne4 20.Rc2 0.01/18 *(20.a5± 0.39/18)* 20...Nh4 21.Qe3 Qxe3 22.fxe3 1-0 Eljanov,P (2694)-Vokhidov,S (2583) Aimchess Play In m Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (1.1) Nf5 23.Bd3 f6 24.a5 Nfd6 25.Ba3 Ba6 26.axb6 axb6 27.Bxd6 Nxd6 28.Nd2 Rc6 29.Ra1 Bb7 30.Rb1 Ba6 31.Kf2 Rdc8 32.Rb4 Kf7 33.e4 Rb8 34.Ke3 Rc7 35.c5 Bxd3 36.Kxd3 Nc8 37.Rcb2 0-1 Eljanov,P (2694)-Papp,P (2335) HUN-ch Rapid Ajka 2023 (2) Rd7 38.Nc4 Ra7 39.Nxb6 Ne7 40.Nc4 Rxb4 41.Rxb4 f5 42.Nd6+ Kf6 43.exf5 exf5 44.Nb5 Ra1 45.Nc3 f4 46.d5 g5 47.d6 Nc6 48.Rb6 Ne5+ 49.Kd4 Nd7 50.Rb7 Ne5 51.Rxh7 Ke6 52.Re7+ 1-0 Eljanov,P (2694)-Vokhidov,S (2583) Aimchess Play In m Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (1.1)]

15...Ng6 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.Qb3 Bc6 18.Rfd1 Qb7 19.f3 Qa6 Strongly threatening ...Bc6-a4. **20.Rd2 cxd4 21.exd4 Qa5 22.Bc3 Qg5 23.Qd1 Rac8 24.Bf1 Bb7 25.a4 Rc7** 0.43/18

[25...Qe3+= -0.23/19 26.Kh1 Ba6]



26.a5 0.01/21 **Ba6** 0.44/22

[26...Nd5= 0.01/21 27.cxd5 Qe3+ 28.Kh1 Rxc3 29.Rxc3 Qxc3 30.axb6 Bxd5 31.bxa7 Qa3]

27.axb6± axb6 28.Rdc2! With the idea Bc3-d2. **28...Qf4** 0.88/19

[28...Bxc4? 29.Bd2 Qb5 30.Bxc4+- *(30.Rxc4 Rxc4 31.Bxc4 Qe8+-)*]

[28...Qe3+= 0.26/20 29.Kh1 g5 *(29...Bxc4 30.Bd2±)*]

29.Qe1± Qf5

[29...Bxc4? 30.Bd2 Qxd4+ 31.Be3+-]

30.Bb2 Rdc8 31.Qe3 And now g2-g4 would win. **31...Qh5 32.Qa3 Bb7 33.Qb3 Qg5 34.Re1**

[34.Qxb6 Bxf3 35.Qb3 Be4∓]

34...Nd7 35.Bc1 Qf6 1.14/18

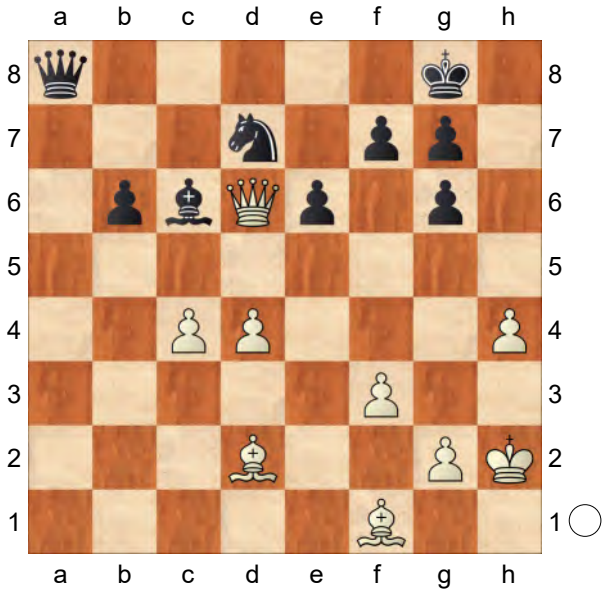
[35...Qf5!± 0.53/19]

36.Be3 Ra8 37.Ra2 Rcc8 38.Rea1 1.00/21

[Better is 38.Rxa8 1.41/22 Rxa8 39.Qb4]

38...Qd8 39.Qb4 Rxa2 40.Rxa2 Ra8 41.Rxa8 Qxa8 42.Qd6 Qc8 43.Bf4 Black is weak on the dark squares

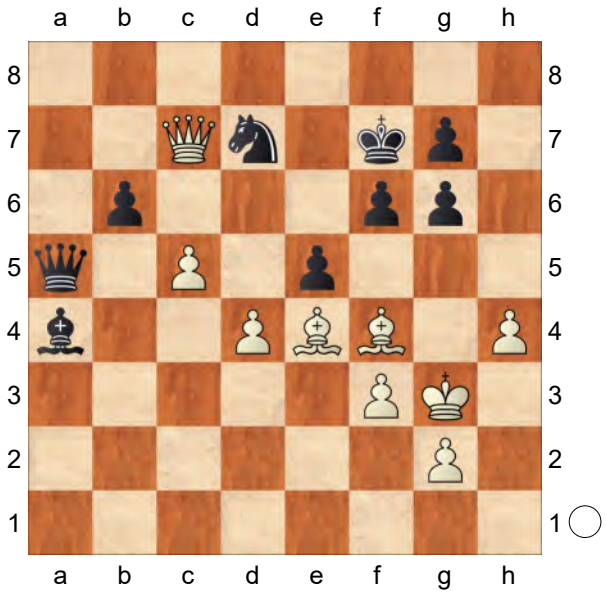
43...Bc6 44.h4 Qa8 45.Kh2 Ba4 46.Bd2 Bc6



47.Qc7! Kh8 1.63/19
[47...Kh7± 1.25/20 was worth a try. 48.Bb4 Qb8 49.Qxb8 Nxb8]
48.Kg3 0.75/19
[48.Bd3+- 1.63/19 has better winning chances.]
48...Kg8 1.40/19
[Black should play 48...Qa2 0.75/19 49.Be3 *(49.Qxc6 Qxd2 50.Qxd7 Qe1+ 51.Kh2 Qxf1=)* 49...Ba4]
49.Bg5 White is more active. **49...f6 50.Bf4 Ba4 51.Bd3 Kf7** 2.96/22
Black cannot hold the game after this.
[51...Qe8± 1.43/20 52.Be4 Kh8]
52.Be4+- A strong pair of Bishops.
52...Qa5 53.c5 aiming for c5-c6.
53...e5? 6.79/22
[53...Qe1+ 3.25/20 54.Kh3 bxc5 55.dxc5 Kg8]

(Diagram)

54.c6! Pin. White is clearly winning.
54...exf4+ 55.Kh2 Qh5 56.Qxd7+ Endgame. KQB-KQB **56...Kg8 57.Qe6+**

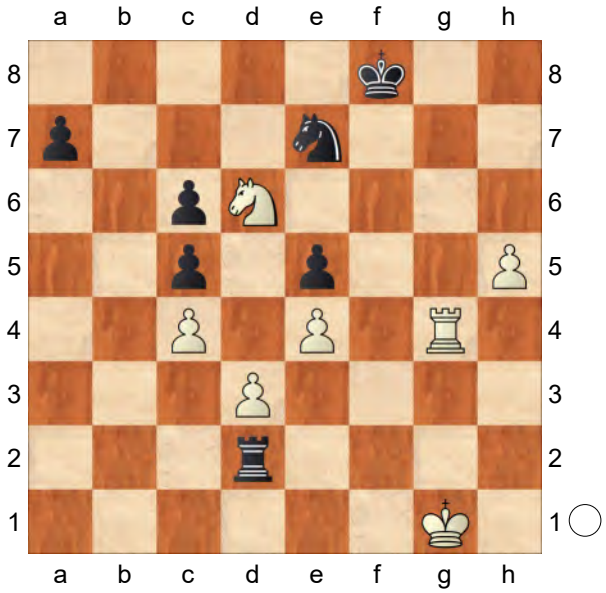


Kh7 58.Qg4 Qxg4 59.fxg4 d4-d5 would now be deadly. **59...Kg8 60.c7**
[60.Bxg6 Bxc6 61.Bf5 Kf7-+]
60...Bd7 61.Bxg6 Bg6-f5 would kill now.
61...Bxg4 62.d5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

65 **A04**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2733**
■ **Sethuraman,SP.** **2593**
Sharjah Masters 7th (2) 15.05.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A04: Unusual lines after 1 Nf3 and King's Indian Attack **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 c5 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.0-0 e5 5.e4 d6 6.d3 g6 7.c4**
[7.a3 Bg7 8.c3 0-0 9.b4 a6 10.Nbd2 b5 11.Rb1 Nd7 12.Nb3 cxb4 13.axb4 Nb6 14.Be3 Be6 15.Qd2 Rc8 16.Rfc1 Re8 17.h4 Na4 18.c4 h5 19.Kh2 Bg4 20.cxb5 axb5 21.Na5 Nd4 1-0 Beukema,H (2822)-10. ♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_1525

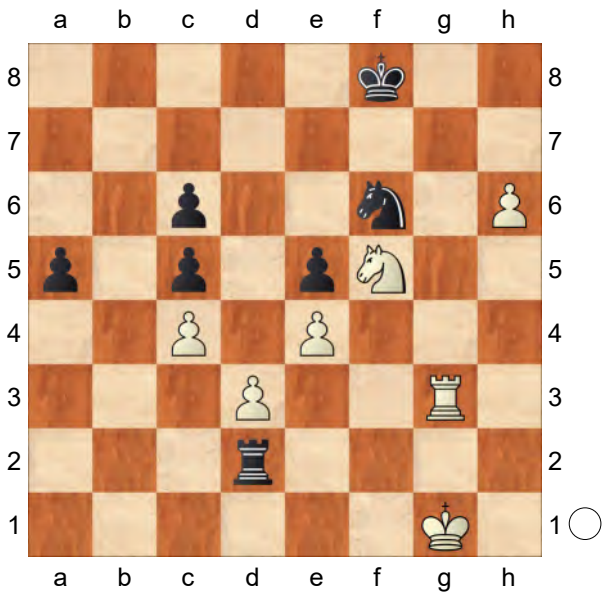
(2773) GER-ITA email ICCF email 2012 (2)]
7...h5 8.Nc3 The position is equal. **8...Bg4! 9.Bg5 Be7N** 0.41/22
[9...Nd4= 0.00/20 was preferrable. 10.Nd5 Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Ne3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 h4 12) 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 – 4.O-O-4.0-0 e5 5.e4 Lifetime Repertoires: Sidelines and Fla 2024]
10.Qd2 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 Nd5 Discovered Attack **12.Bxe7** 0.08/20
[But not 12.exd5 Bxg5 13.Qd1 Nd4∓]
[12.Be3!± 0.70/20 Nf6 13.h4]
12...Ndxe7= 13.Bd1 -0.35/19
[13.h4!= 0.20/18]
13...h4 14.g4! Qd7 0.44/18
[14...f6= 0.00/20]
15.h3 -0.45/19
[15.f4± 0.44/18]
15...Kf8 0.92/23
[15...0-0-0∓ -0.45/19]
16.Ba4 0.53/21
[16.f4± 0.92/23]
16...Qe6 1.27/20
[16...f6± 0.53/21]
17.Bxc6± bxc6 18.f4 exf4 19.Qxf4 0.74/16
[Better is 19.Rxf4 1.29/22 And now Ra1-f1 would win. Ng8 20.Rd1 *(20.Raf1 f6+-)*]
19...Kg7 20.g5 0.08/23
[White should try 20.e5± 0.74/21 dxe5 21.Qe3]
20...Rh5= 21.Qf6+ Kg8 22.Kh2 Rd8 23.Qxe6 fxe6 24.Rf6 e5 25.Rg1↑ Black must now prevent Nc3-d1. White is pushing. **25...Kg7 26.Rgf1 Kg8 27.Nd1!** White is more active. **27...Rxg5 28.Ne3!** Threatens to win with Ne3-g4. **28...Rh5?** 2.73/24 A mistake that costs the game.
[28...Rg3± 0.97/21 29.Ng4 Rxd3]
29.Ng4+- Rh7 30.Re6 Rg7 31.Rff6 Nc8 32.Rxg6 Rxg6 33.Rxg6+ Endgame. KRN-KRN **33...Kf7 34.Rh6 Kg7 35.Rxh4 Rf8 36.Ne3** aiming for Ne3-f5+. **36...Rf2+** 2.66/21
[⌓36...Ne7 1.91/19]
37.Kg1 Rxb2 38.Nf5+ Kg8 39.Rg4+ Kf8 3.38/21
[39...Kh8 2.14/18 might work better. 40.Rg7 d5]
40.h4 Ne7 41.Nxd6 h4-h5 would now be deadly. **41...Rxa2 42.h5** 1.44/20
[42.Rg3+- 1.87/21]
42...Rd2 2.45/21
[42...a5± 1.44/20]



43.Rg3! Strongly threatening h5-h6. **43...Ng8 44.Nf5 a5 45.h6 Nf6** 4.41/22
[45...Nxh6 2.31/20 was called for. 46.Nxh6 Ke7 47.Rg7+ Kf6]

(Diagram)

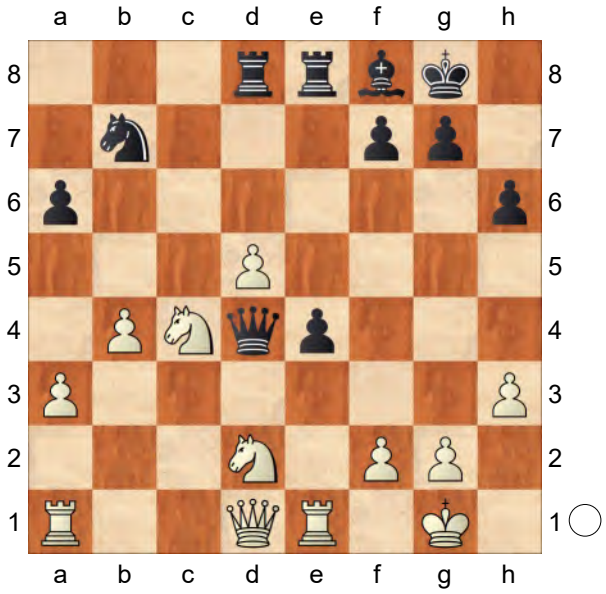
46.Rg6! Rd1+ 47.Kf2 Kf7 48.Rg7+ Kf8 49.Ke2 Rh1 50.Ra7 a4 51.Rxa4 Ng4 52.Ra8+ White is clearly winning. **52...Kf7 53.Ra7+ Kf6 54.h7**



Ke2-f3 is the strong threat. **54...Rh3 55.Kf1 Rh2 56.Kg1 Rh5 57.Kg2 Nh2 58.Rg7 Nf1 59.Rg8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.32 **1-0**

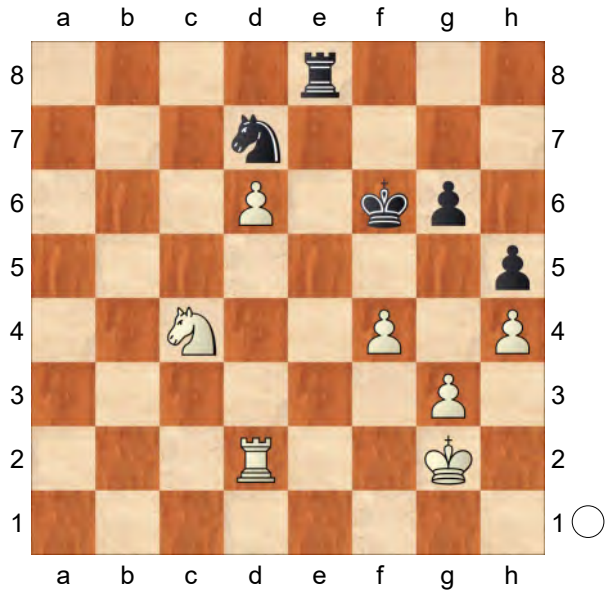
66 **C92**
□ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
FIDE World Cup (4.4) 11.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C92: Closed Ruy Lopez: 9...Be6, Karpov and Flohr-Zaitsev Variations **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.a3 Bf8 12.d5** now scores much better than the old 12. Nbd2. punktet besser als das ältere 12. Sbd2. **12...Na5 13.Ba2** White is slightly better. **13...c6 14.dxc6 Bxc6 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.Nfd2** Repels Na5-c4 **17...d5 18.Bxd5N**
[Vorgänger: 18.exd5 Bd7 19.Qh5 Bf5 20.Ne4! Bxe4 21.Rxe4 Bc5 22.Qh4 Qxh4 23.Rxh4 Be7 1.10/19 *(23...Bb6±* 0.38/20 *)* 24.Re4 1-0 Dvirnyy,D (2514)-Sonis,F (2547) ITA-ch 81st Cagliari 2022 (6) Nb7 25.Nd2 Bg5 26.Nf3 Bf4 27.g3 Nd6 28.Re2 e4 29.Nd4 Bg5 30.Rae1 Bf6 31.Nc6 Bd8 32.Kg2 Bb6 33.Bb1 f5 34.f3 e3 35.f4 g6 36.Bd3 Kg7 37.Kf3 Kf6 38.Nd4 Bxd4 39.cxd4 1-0 Dvirnyy,D (2447)-Jouneau,Q (2025) Rohde op 09th Sautron 2009 (1)]
18...Bxd5 19.exd5 Rad8 20.b4 Nb7 21.c4↑ White has some pressure. **21...bxc4 22.Nxc4 e4** 0.50/20
[22...a5= 0.09/21]
23.Nbd2± Qd4 1.05/19
[23...Qg6± 0.53/22]



Black is now going downhill. **24.Ne3!± a5 25.Ndc4** Discovered Attack **25...Qxd1** 2.47/23
[25...Qf6± 1.27/19]
26.Rexd1+- axb4 27.axb4
[Much less strong is 27.Rab1?! g6 28.axb4 Kg7]
27...g6 Black is weak on the light squares **28.Ra6 Kg7 29.Rc6 Rb8 30.b5 Nd8 31.b6** Strongly threatening Rc6-c7.

[31.Rb6 Rxb6 32.Nxb6 Nb7+-]
31...Nb7 3.84/20
[⌓31...Nxc6 2.38/19 32.dxc6 Rec8]
32.h4 h5 33.g3 Bc5 34.Rc7 Red8 35.Ne5 Bxb6 36.Rxf7+ Kg8 37.N3c4 Bc5 38.Rf6 Rf8 39.Nd7 A dynamic duo of knights.
[Less strong is 39.Rxg6+ Kh7 40.Rf1 Rg8 41.Rxg8 Rxg8+-]
39...Rxf6 40.Nxf6+ Kg7 41.Nxe4 Re8 42.Nxc5 Nxc5 Endgame. KRN-KRN
43.Rd2 Re1+ 44.Kg2 Kf6 45.d6 Nd7 46.f4 White is clearly winning. **46...Re8**



47.Ne5! Rd8
[47...Nc5 48.d7]
48.Nxd7+ Rxd7 49.Kf3 Ke6 50.Ke4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.32
1-0

67 **C42**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**
FIDE World Cup (4.3) 11.08.2023
[Duda,Jan Krzysztof]

It may seem a bit surprising to annotate the lost game, but I think the very game was the most interesting one, from my match against Parham Es mag ein wenig überraschend erscheinen, die verlorene Partie zu kommentieren, aber ich denke, dass gerade diese Partie die interessanteste war, aus meinem Match gegen Parham **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bf5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nbd2** is now debated instead of 9.c4. Possibly the most challenging line in this variation. wird nun anstelle von 9.c4 disktutiert. Vielleicht das schwierigste Abspiel in dieser Variante. **9...Nd6 10.Nf1 c6 11.Bf4 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Na6**
[12...Nd7 is definitely a playable alternative, but 12... ♘a6 has clearly become the main line. ist definitiv eine spielbare Alternative, aber 12... ♘a6 ist eindeutig die Hauptvariante geworden.]
13.h4!? the most direct Das direkteste.
13...Nc7 14.Ng5 Bxg5 a calmer alternative, which I had prepared for this rapid stage Eine ruhigere Alternative, die ich für diese Rapid-Phase vorbereitet hatte.
[14...g6 is more principled, and I had played it just a day before: ist prinzipieller, und ich hatte es erst einen Tag zuvor gespielt: 15.Qh3!? *(15.Ne3; 15.Nh2)* 15...Nf5 16.Ne3 Nxd4 17.Be5 Nce6 *(17...Bf6!?)* 18.Ng4 Nf5 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.h5 gxh5 21.Qxh5 Qe8 22.Qh6! Qg6

23.Qxg6+ hxg6 24.Bc3 and the interesting endgame arose, which I held with a big difficulty; 1/2 (58) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Duda,J (2732) Baku 2023 und es entstand ein interessantes Endspiel, das ich mit großer Schwierigkeit hielt; 1/2 (58) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Duda,J (2732) Baku 2023]

15.Bxg5 f6 16.Bf4 Qd7 17.Ne3 Rfe8 More accurate than Genauer als

[17...Rae8 which was played in the stem game after 13.h4!? der in der Stammpartie nach 13.h4!? gespielt wurde. 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Nf5 Qd7 20.Qh3± 1-0 (43) Nepomniachtchi,I (2774)-Wang,H (2762) Ekaterinburg 2020]

18.h5!N A top novelty. Here White has many options. In general I find it difficult to believe that Black can have a hard time in this position, but as some games (this included) have shown, it's not easy at all. Eine Top Neuerung. Hier hat Weiß viele Möglichkeiten. Im Allgemeinen finde ich es schwierig zu glauben, dass Schwarz in dieser Stellung eine schwere Zeit haben kann, aber wie einige Partien (einschließlich dieser) gezeigt haben, ist es überhaupt nicht einfach.

[Vorgänger: 18.Re2 was played earlier in Baku, and the game was interesting: wurde zuvor in Baku gespielt, und die Partie war interessant: Re4? natural, but bad natürlich, aber schlecht 19.Bxd6! Qxd6 20.Nf5

A) after nach 20...Qf4 21.g3! wins the exchange mit Qualitätsgewinn Qxf5 22.f3 Rae8 *(22...Rf4!?; 22...Rxe2 23.Qxf5 Rae8)* 23.fxe4 dxe4 24.Qb3+ Nd5 25.c4 White is better Weiß steht besser;

B) 20...Qe6 21.Nxg7! Kxg7 22.Rxe4 Qxe4 23.Qg3+ Kh8 24.Qxc7 1-0 Vitiugov,N (2720)-Fridman,D (2586) FIDE World Cup Baku 2023 (2.1) Rg8 25.g3 Qxd4? 26.Re1 Qxb2 27.Re7 Qxc2 28.Qxb7+- a fascinating position - Black is a pawn up and not encoutering any direct threats, but the king safety makes the difference. White won in 1-0 (49) Vitiugov,N (2720)-Fridman,D (2586) Baku 2023 eine faszinierende Stellung - Schwarz hat einen Bauern mehr und keine direkten Drohungen, aber die Königssicherheit macht den Unterschied. Weiß gewann in 1-0 (49) Vitiugov,N (2720)-Fridman,D (2586) Baku 2023]

[18.b3 was played in a later stage of the match, and deserves attention as well wurde in einer späteren Phase des Matches gespielt und verdient ebenfalls Aufmerksamkeit Ne6 19.Bh2 Nf7 *(19...Rad8* could be an improvement könnte eine Verbesserung sein*)* 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.a4± and White is pressing, but I managed to win after many adventures; 0-1 (65) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Duda,J (2732) Baku 2023 und Weiß macht Druck, aber ich konnte nach vielen Abenteuern gewinnen; 0-1 (65) Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-Duda,J (2732) Baku 2023]

18...Ne6 19.Bxd6

[19.Bh2]

19...Qxd6 20.Nf5 I remembered that ♕f4 is an option, but I didn't quite appreciate the occuring problems during

the game after the retreat Ich habe mich daran erinnert, dass ♕f4 eine Option ist, aber ich habe die Probleme, die während der Partie nach dem Rückzug auftraten, nicht ganz verstanden. **20...Qd7**

[20...Qf4 is far more forcing, but ok for Black ist viel zwingender, aber ok für Schwarz]

21.Qg3 Ng5 22.Qf4 Re6? A poor move, because it allows the game continuation. After the better Ein schlechter Zug, weil er die Partiefortsetzung ermöglicht. Nach dem besseren

[22...Rad8

A) 23.a4!? Re6 24.h6 *(24.Rxe6 Nxe6 25.Qg4 Ng5!* importantly the queen on d7 is defended in this case Wichtig ist, dass in diesem Fall die Dame auf d7 verteidigt wird *26.Re1 g6□=)* 24...Rde8 25.Rxe6 Nxe6 26.Qd6± here White has some pull as well Auch hier hat Weiß eine gewisses Plus;

B) 23.h6 White is of course not forced to play this, and can play a waiting game Weiß ist natürlich nicht gezwungen, dies zu spielen, und kann abwartend agieren 23...Ne6 *(23...g6? 24.Ng7 Ne6 25.Nxe8!+-)* 24.Rxe6 *(24.Qh4 g6)* 24...Rxe6 and White has compensation after both captures, but he isn't better und Weiß hat nach beiden Schlägzügen Kompensation, aber er steht nicht besser 25.hxg7 *(25.Nxg7)*]

23.Rxe6! Qxe6

[23...Nxe6 24.Qg4 Re8□ 25.Re1 Kh8□ 26.h6 gxh6□± is hardly an improvement ist kaum eine Verbesserung]

24.h6 g6?! The lesser evil was to get rid of the h6-pawn at once. Das geringere Übel war, den h6-Bauern sofort loszuwerden.

[24...gxh6!]

25.Ng7! Qe7 26.Kf1± When allowing the knight on g7, I considered that it would just limit my g5-pony. Of course I saw that the e-file would be lost in the upcoming future, but having in control all of the entry squares, I thought it wasn't a big deal. I didn't realize however, that Black's position is stuck, with no improvement in sight, while White on the other hand, can create targets on the queenside. In a higher sense I think Black's position is already beyond saving Als ich den Springer auf g7 ließ, dachte ich, dass dies nur mein g5-Pony einschränken würde. Natürlich sah ich, dass die e-Linie in der nächsten Zeit verloren gehen würde, aber da ich alle Eingangsfelder unter Kontrolle hatte, dachte ich, dass dies keine große Sache sei. Mir war jedoch nicht klar, dass Schwarz' Stellung festgefahren ist, ohne dass eine Verbesserung in Sicht ist, während Weiß andererseits Ziele am Damenflügel schaffen kann. In einem höheren Sinne denke ich, dass die Stellung von Schwarz bereits nicht mehr zu retten ist. **26...Kf7 27.Re1 Qd7 28.f3** restricting the knight Schränkt den Springer ein. **28...a5?!**

[28...b5 is much better according to engine, but until my opponent played c4 later in the a game, I didn't even consider this idea at all. ist laut Engine viel besser, aber bis mein Gegner später in der Partie c4 spielte, habe ich diese Idee nicht einmal in Betracht gezogen.]

29.Qe3

[29.c4! My opponent will come up

with this pawn push, but here it is mathematically winning, which is impossible to figure out over the board. Mein Gegner wird mit diesem Bauernvorstoß noch aufwarten, aber hier führt er mathematisch zum Gewinn, was man unmöglich am Brett herausfinden kann.

A) 29...dxc4 30.Qe3 Kf8 31.d5! *(31.a4!?)* 31...cxd5 32.Qd4 Ra6 33.f4! Nf7 34.Re8+ Qxe8 35.Nxe8 Kxe8 36.Qxd5 Rc6 37.Qxa5+- and White breaks through und White bricht durch;

B) 29...b5 30.c5 Rd8 here in contrast to the game, White can start playing for a zugzwang Hier kann Weiß, im Gegensatz zur Partie, auf einen Zugzwang spielen. 31.Qd2 Qc7 32.Qe3 Qd7 33.Qf4 Qb7 34.Re2 Qd7 35.Qd2 Ra8 36.Kg1 Kg8 37.Qe1 Kf7 38.Kf2⊙ the first zugzwang position. Black is forced to make a conncesion on the queenside, and White will bring up his king there Die erste Zugzwangstellung. Schwarz ist gezwungen, ein Zugeständnis am Damenflügel zu machen, und Weiß wird seinen König dorthin bringen. a4 *(38...Qc7 39.Ne8+-; 38...Kf8 39.Ne6+ Nxe6 40.Rxe6 Kf7 41.Rd6 Qc8 42.Qe3 Ra7 43.Qf4+-)* 39.Kf1 Rf8 40.Qg3 Rd8 41.Qf4 Qc8 42.Qe3 Qd7 43.Ke1 Rc8 44.Qf4 Rd8 45.Kd2 Qb7 46.Qe3 Qd7 47.Kc3 Rb8 48.Qf4

B1) 48...Rd8 49.Kb4 Qc8 50.Qg3 Qd7 *(50...Kf8 51.Qe1 Qd7 52.Ne6++-; 50...Qb7 51.Qg4!)* 51.Qd6! Qxd6 52.cxd6 Rxd6 53.Kc5+-;

B2) 48...b4+ 49.Kd2 mission accomplished, time to fly home Sir Mission erfüllt, Zeit für den Heimflug, Sir. Rf8 50.Ke1 Kg8 51.Kf2 Rd8 52.Kg1 Kf7 53.Qh4 Rb8 54.Qe1⊙ Kf8 55.Ne6+ White can play further for another zugzwang, but this one is winning too :) Weiß kann auf einen weiteren Zugzwang spielen, aber das gewinnt auch :) Kf7 56.Nxg5+ fxg5 57.Re5 g4 58.fxg4+- and White is winning. Of course these are the computer variatons possible only to find in a correspondence game. Nonetheless it's fun to analyze, and also have some educational element, I suppose. Obviously this game being a nervous rapid, whatever White plays, it's always going to be challenge for Black und Weiß gewinnt. Natürlich sind das die Computervarianten, die man nur in einer Fernpartie finden kann. Nichtsdestotrotz macht es Spaß, sie zu analysieren, und sie haben auch ein lehrreiches Element, nehme ich an. Da diese Partie ein nervöses Schnellschach ist, wird es für Schwarz immer eine Herausforderung sein, was auch immer Weiß spielt.]

29...b5 **30.Qa3** Probing for a new weakness Sucht nach einer neuen Schwachstelle. **30...b4** compromising, but at least I wanted to chase the queen away, and continue pushing a4-a3, should White choose to move his king to the Q-side Kompromittierend, aber zumindest wollte ich die Dame verjagen und a4-a3 weiter vorantreiben, falls

Weiß sich entscheiden sollte, seinen König auf den Damenflügel zu ziehen.

31.Qe3 Rf8 32.c4?! decent, but White could improve his position first, moving his pawn to a4 anständig, aber Weiß könnte zuerst seine Stellung verbessern, indem er seinen Bauern nach a4 zieht

[32.a4 Rb8 33.c3 bxc3 34.Qxc3 Qc7 35.b3+- is very bad for Black ist sehr schlecht für Schwarz]

[or oder 32.a3]

[The idea of bringing the king was also decent: Die Idee, den König rüberzubringen, war auch anständig: 32.Re2 Qd6 33.Ke1 a4 34.Kd1 a3 35.b3 Kg8± at least White's king is not fully covered zumindest ist der weiße König nicht vollständig gedeckt]

32...bxc3? Allowing the queen to recapture on c3 is a bad news, it's the least stubborn defence. Der Dame das Zurückschlagen auf c3 zu erlauben ist eine schlechte Nachricht, es ist die am wenigsten hartnäckige Verteidigung.

[32...Kg8! is good, trying to bring back the knight to the game ist gut, um den Springer wieder ins Spiel zu bringen 33.c5 *(33.Qc1)* 33...Nf7 34.Ne8 *(34.Qe7? Qxe7 35.Rxe7 Nxh6 36.Ne6 Nf5!=; 34.Kf2!? Nxh6 35.Qxh6 Qxg7 36.Qxg7+ Kxg7 37.Re6* looks like a tough endgame, but perhaps defensible for the 2nd player sieht nach einem schwierigen Endspiel aus, aber vielleicht für den Nachziehenden haltbar.*)* 34...Nxh6 35.g4 Kh8± White is better, but Black's position has clearly improved Weiß steht besser, aber die Stellung von Schwarz hat sich deutlich verbessert.]

[after a no-move like Nach einem Nicht-Zug wie 32...Rd8 we know that 33.c5 is winning, while White has also other tries wissen wir, dass 33.c5 gewinnt, während Weiß auch andere Versuche hat.]

33.bxc3?!

[33.Qxc3 I think would be more practical, when White has easy targets Ich denke, das wäre praktischer, wonach Weiß leichte Ziele hat]

33...Rb8 34.Qf4! Rd8 35.Qe3

[35.c4! it's important to push this with the queen on f4, but quite difficult to see why OTB Es ist wichtig, dies mit der Dame auf f4 spielen, aber es ist am Brett ziemlich schwierig zu sehen warum. a4 *(35...dxc4 36.Qe3+-)* 36.c5+- reaching the game position erreicht die Partiestellung.]

35...Rb8

[35...Qd6! 36.Ne8 Qe6

A) 37.Qf4?! Ne4 I think I missed this defence, combined with ♕d6 next Ich glaube, ich habe diese Verteidigung verpasst, in Kombination mit ♕d6 als nächstes. 38.Ng7 Qd6 White's queen is put to a worse position Die weiße Dame wird in eine schlechtere Position gebracht 39.Qg4 *(39.Qe3?! Ng3+! 40.Kf2 Nf5±)* 39...Ng5±;

B) 37.Qf2! Qf5□ *(37...Qd7 38.Nxf6! Kxf6 39.Qh4+-)* 38.Qg3 Qd3+ 39.Kg1 Ne4 40.Qc7+ Kxe8 41.Qxc6+ Rd7 42.fxe4 Qd2±]

36.c4?! a4? Somehow, I underestimated this idea with ♕d6 in general, which is strange, because it's Black only active option at his disposal Irgendwie habe ich diese Idee mit ♕d6 im Allgemeinen unterschätzt, was

seltsam ist, denn es ist die einzige aktive Option, die Schwarz zur Verfügung steht.

[36...Qd6! 37.Ne8 *(37.c5 Qh2□* Black is holding Schwarz hält *38.Qe7+ Kg8* e.g. z.B.. *39.Nf5 Qh1+ 40.Kf2 Rb2+ 41.Re2 Ne4+! 42.fxe4 Rxe2+ 43.Kxe2 Qxg2+* and it's perpetual, as White can't escape: und es ist ein Dauerschach, da Weiß nicht entkommen kann: *44.Kd1 Qf1+ 45.Kd2 Qf2+ 46.Kc3 Qe1+ 47.Kb3 Qd1+ 48.Ka3 Qc1+ 49.Ka4?? Qc4+ 50.Kxa5 Qb5#)* 37...Qd8□ 38.Qa3 Qd7□ 39.Nd6+ *(39.Ng7 Qc7=)* 39...Kg8 now ♘f7 chopping off the knights is the idea, releasing my position considerably Jetzt ist die Idee ♘f7 mit Springertausch, was meine Position erheblich verbessert. 40.c5 *(40.f4 Nf3!?)* 40...Nf7±]

[36...Qc7? 37.Ne6 doesn't work funktioniert nicht.]

37.c5+- now it's winning again, but getting lower and lower on time, we both didn't see a breakthrough Jetzt ist es wieder gewonnen, aber bei immer knapper werdender Zeit sahen wir beide keinen Durchbruch. **37...Rf8 38.Re2 Rb8 39.Qf4 Rd8 40.Kf2 Qc8 41.Qe3**

[41.a3 Qd7 42.Rb2! Conquering the b-file is the only way to win, And this is the most accurate version of it, with the ♔ on f2 and ♙ on a3 Die Eroberung der b-Linie ist der einzige Weg zum Sieg, und dies ist die genaueste Version davon, mit ♔ auf f2 und ♙ auf a3. Ne6 *(42...Rc8 43.Qd6!?+-; 42...Qc8 43.Rb4+-)* 43.Nxe6 Qxe6 White even has a choice of a type of the endgame. Both ♖-endgame and ♕-endgame are lost for Black e.g. Weiß hat sogar die Möglichkeit, einen Endspieltyp zu wählen. Sowohl ♖-Endspiel als auch ♕-Endspiel sind für Schwarz verloren, z.B.

A) 44.Rb7+ Rd7 45.Qb8

A1) 45...Qe7 46.Rxd7 *(46.Rb6!?)* 46...Qxd7 47.Qh8 Ke6 48.g4+-;

A2) 45...g5 46.Qc8 Re7 47.Rxe7+ Kxe7 48.Qa6 Qf5 49.Qa7+ Qd7 50.Qxa4+-;

B) 44.Qc7+ Rd7 45.Qc8 Re7 46.Qxe6+ Kxe6 47.Rb8 Rc7 48.g4 g5 49.Ra8 Kf7 50.Rxa4 Kg6 51.Ra8 Kxh6 52.a4 Rb7 53.a5 Rb2+ 54.Ke3 Rb3+ 55.Ke2 Rb2+ 56.Ke1 *(56.Kd1?? Rb4!=)* 56...Ra2 57.Ra6 Kg6 58.Rxc6 Rxa5 59.Rd6 Ra3 60.Rxd5+-]

41...Qd7 42.Qf4 Qc8 43.Kf1 Qd7 44.Kg1 Qc8 45.Qc1 Qc7 46.Qe1 Qd7 47.a3 Ra8 48.Qb1 Kg8 49.Qe1 Kf7 50.Qg3 Rd8 51.Qf4 Qc8 As explained the only way to win is to play ♖b2 at some point. It's easy to understand however, that Parham was reluctant to trade knights, and not quite seeing the win, his position went south. Wie erklärt, ist der einzige Gewinnweg, an irgendeiner Stelle ♖b2 zu spielen. Es ist jedoch leicht zu verstehen, dass Parham zögerte, die Springer zu tauschen, und da er den Gewinn nicht ganz sah, ging seine Stellung den Bach runter, **52.Qe3 Qd7 53.Qd2 Ra8 54.Qe1 Rb8 55.Qa5 Kg8 56.Qxa4?** Finally he tried something, but the capture of the a4-pawn lets the advantage out. What's more it becomes a three result game now. Schließlich versuchte er etwas, aber das Schlagen des a4-Bauern lässt den Vorteil aus. Außerdem wird es jetzt ein Spiel auf

drei Ergebnisse. **56...Nf7** Probably the most pleasant move of the game :) Wahrscheinlich der angenehmste Zug der Partie :)

[56...Qc7 was basically drawing at once, but I didn't quite see it remisierte im Grunde sofort, aber ich habe es nicht richtig gesehen 57.Qd1 *(57.Re8+ Rxe8 58.Nxe8 Qe7 59.Qxc6 Qe1+ 60.Kh2 Qh4+=)* 57...Qg3 58.Kf1 Nxf3⇄]

57.Qd1

[57.Kf2 Nxh6 58.Ne6= was more precise war genauer]

57...Nxh6⇄ Now when I got rid of this obtrusive pawn, I realized I was taking over. I played well for a while, but unfortunately the heat got better of me in the end Als ich diesen aufdringlichen Bauern loswurde, merkte ich, dass ich die Führung übernahm. Ich habe eine Weile gut gespielt, aber leider hat mich am Ende die Hitze übermannt **58.Ne6 Nf5 59.Qd2 h5 60.Kf2 h4!** Stabilising the knight on f5, and introducing ♘g3 jumps Stabilisiert den Springers auf f5 und ermöglicht ♘g3-Sätze **61.a4 Rb3?** A random move, caused by the zeitnot. I quickly estimated that after Ein zufälliger Zug, verursacht durch Zeitnot. Ich kam rasch zu der Einschätzung, dass nach

[61...Rb1 he has Weiß 62.Re1 and chose in a spare of seconds this (too) mysterious ♖b3 move, hoping to confuse him somewhat. Needless to say, I was the one getting confused soon! Instead, Black had many good ideas: hat und wählte in Sekundenschnelle diesen (zu) mysteriösen ♖b3 Zug, in der Hoffnung, ihn etwas zu verwirren. Unnötig zu sagen, dass ich bald derjenige war, der verwirrt war! Stattdessen hatte Schwarz viele gute Ideen:]

[61...g5! and with the attack coming, the computer is screaming White is lost. It feels quite counterintuitive to me in time scramble though. The other idea was to attack the a4-pawn: und wenn der Angriff kommt, schreit der Computer, dass Weiß verloren ist. In der Zeitnotphase kommt mir das allerdings ziemlich kontraintuitiv vor. Die andere Idee war, den a4-Bauern anzugreifen:]

[61...Re8 62.Nf4 Ra8! is very good too, because White can't take on g6 ist auch sehr gut, weil Weiß nicht auf g6 nehmen kann 63.a5 *(63.Nxg6 Qg7 64.Nf4 Qg3+ 65.Kf1 Rxa4-+)* 63...Qc7-+]

[61...Qa7 this would never cross my mind, but it's working as well Das wäre mir nie in den Sinn gekommen, aber es funktioniert auch 62.a5 Ra8 63.Qf4 *(63.a6 Qb8!)* 63...Kf7 64.Qg4 Re8 65.Nf4 Rxe2+ 66.Nxe2 *(66.Kxe2 Qe7+)* 66...Qxa5-+]

[I had no time to appreciate these options, but Ich hatte keine Zeit, diese Optionen zu prüfen, aber nicht 61...Kf7 is rather difficult not to play, even if it's not as strong as previous alternatives. Black is quite a bit better, and what's important his upcoming play would be straightford zu spielen, fällt ziemlich schwer, auch wenn es nicht so stark ist wie die vorherigen Alternativen. Schwarz steht ein ganzes Stück besser, und was wichtig ist, sein anschließendendes Spiel wäre geradlinig.]

62.Qf4 Kf7 63.a5 What could be simpler than that. What is this ♖b3? :) Was könnte einfacher sein als das. Was soll dieser ♖ b3? :) **63...Ng3??**

It's quite a difference to pretend to think during the game, feeling all of these blazing emotions, and making up the sense of the moves in the postmortem. This move is just not working tactically Es ist ein ziemlicher Unterschied, während der Partie so zu tun, als ob man denkt, wenn man all diese aufflammenden Emotionen fühlt, und im Nachhinein den Zügen Sinn einzuhauchen. Dieser Zug funktioniert taktisch einfach nicht-

[63...Qc8! 64.Qg4 *(64.a6 Ra3 65.Qg4 Rxa6 66.Nf4 Qg8 67.Rb2 Ra7 68.Rb6* is some random equilibrium ist ein zufälliges Gleichgewicht.*)* 64...Qh8! After this cool move, Black is holding on. Nach diesem coolen Zug hält sich Schwarz.]

64.Ng5+?

[64.Qd6!+- I totally missed this idea. Diese Idee ist mir völlig entgangen.]

64...Kg7? 65.Ne6+?

[65.Qxh4!+- was an unpleasant find, but luckily he didn't play that war ein unangenehmer Fund, aber zum Glück hat er das nicht gespielt]

65...Kf7 66.Ng5+? Kg8! 67.Qd6! A stunner, and while it's not as devasting as it would have been with the knight on e6, it's still the best move in the position Ein Knaller, und obwohl er nicht so verheerend ist, wie es mit dem Springer auf e6 gewesen wäre, ist er immer noch der beste Zug in der Stellung

[I was only praying there wasn't any checkmate after Ich habe nur gebetet, dass es kein Schachmatt gibt nach 67.Qxf6 Nxe2 68.Qxg6+ Qg7□ but Black is holding on , aber Schwarz hält sich.]

67...Qxd6 68.cxd6 Nxe2 69.d7 Rb8

70.Ne6 Kf7?? A pity to spoil the game like this Schade, die Partie auf diese Weise zu verderben.

[I rejected the following option: Ich verwarf die folgende Option: 70...Nxd4 71.Nxd4! Rd8 72.Nxc6 Rxd7 73.a6 Surprisingly, I can't stop the pawn now. I may play Überraschenderweise kann ich den Bauern jetzt nicht mehr aufhalten. Ich kann spielen Kf7 *(73...Rf7 74.a7 Rf8 75.Nb8+-)* 74.a7 Rxa7 75.Nxa7 Ke6 but it's just hopeless for me. aber es ist einfach hoffnungslos für mich.]

[Then I switched my attention to Dann lenkte ich meine Aufmerksamkeit auf 70...Nf4□ which is indeed holding, but not as easy as I initially thought. Unfortunately then I saw the 'brilliant' 70...♔f7, thinking I was in time to stop the a5-pawn. was tatsächlich hält, aber nicht so einfach, wie ich zunächst dachte. Unglücklicherweise sah ich dann das 'brillante' 70... ♔f7 und dachte, dass ich den a5-Bauern rechtzeitig aufhalten könnte. 71.d8Q+ Rxd8 72.Nxd8 Nd3+ 73.Ke3 Nb4 this is the idea das ist die Idee

A) after nach 74.Kf4 both sollte sowohl Na6 *(*and als auch *74...c5 75.dxc5 Kf8!* should be enough for a draw sollte für ein Unentschieden ausreichen *)*;

B) 74.Ne6 Na6□ 75.Nc5 Nc7□ 76.a6 Nb5□ obviously natürlich

B1) 77.Ne6 Na7 *(77...g5!?* an extra option eine zusätzliche Option *78.f4 Kf7 79.Nd8+ Kg6 80.Nxc6 Kf5 81.fxg5 fxg5 82.a7 Nc7=)* 78.Kf4 Kf7 79.Nc5 Ke7 transposes to the main variation führt zur Hauptvariante.;

B2) 77.Kf4 Kf7 78.Kg4 Ke7

79.Kxh4 Kd6 80.g4 Kc7 Black must go after the a6-pawn Schwarz muss sich um den a6-Bauern kümmern. 81.g5 fxg5+ 82.Kxg5 Kb6 83.Ne6 Kxa6 84.f4 and the important und das wichtige Ka5! is drawing, with the idea of c5. remsiert, mit der Idee c5. 85.Kxg6 c5□ 86.dxc5 d4= I'm not sure I would have found especially this c5 idea, but nevertheless it was a way to go. Now it's just game over. Ich bin mir nicht sicher, ob ich vor allem diese c5-Idee gefunden hätte, aber trotzdem war es ein gangbarer Weg. Jetzt ist einfach Feierabend.]

71.d8Q Rxd8 72.Nxd8+ Ke7 73.a6 As I can't stop the pawn, I resigned. Da ich den Bauern nicht aufhalten kann, gab ich auf.

1-0

68 **C42**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

■ **Duda,Jan Krzysztof** **2732**

FIDE World Cup (4.2) 10.08.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bf5 7.0-0 Be7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Nbd2** seems to push 9.c4 aside. setzt sich inzwischen gegen 9.c4 durch. **9...Nd6 10.Nf1 c6 11.Bf4** White is slightly better. **11...Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Na6 13.h4 Nc7 14.Ng5 g6 15.Qh3N**

[Vorgänger: 15.Nh2 Qd7 Prevents Nh2-g4. 16.h5 h5xg6 is the strong threat. Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Rfe8 Wards off Re1-e7 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Bf6 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1 Re8 21.Rf1 1-0 Caruana,F (2786)-Mamedyarov,S (2759) Bucharest Superbet Classic 2nd 2022 (5) Qf5 22.Qxf5 gxf5 23.Be5 #2 5. Petroff | 5...d5 6...Bf5 &-15...Qd7]

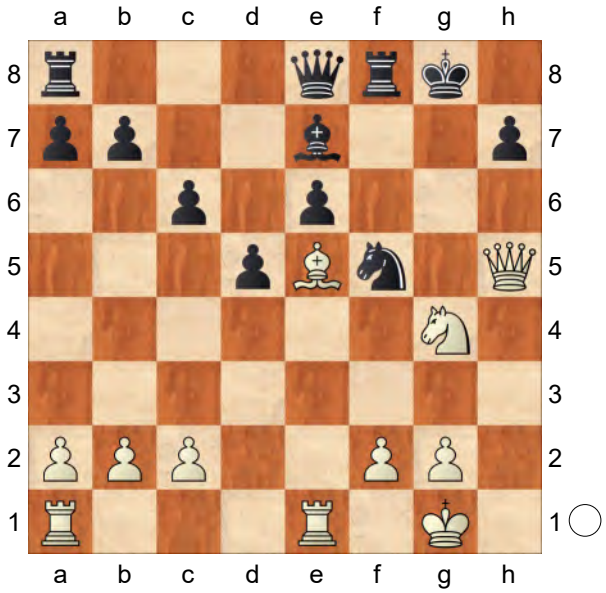
15...Nf5 16.Ne3

[16.Qh2 simplifies Ne8 17.Ne3 Neg7 18.Nxf5 Nxf5 19.c3]

16...Nxd4 17.Be5

[17.c4 simplifies Nce6 18.Nxe6 Nxe6 19.Bh6]

17...Nce6 18.Ng4 Nf5 Wards off Ng4-h6+ **19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.h5 gxh5 21.Qxh5 Qe8**



22.Qh6 Qg6⇄ Black is not keeping still

[22...Nxh6 23.Nxh6#]

23.Qxg6+ hxg6 24.Bc3 Ng7 0.67/20

[24...Rae8= 0.23/19 should be considered.]

25.g3± Rad8 26.Bxg7 Remove Defender **26...Kxg7 27.Rxe6 Bf6 28.Rae1! c5 29.b3 d4** Prevents Re1-e3. **30.R1e4** White is more active. **30...Rf7 31.Rf4 d3**

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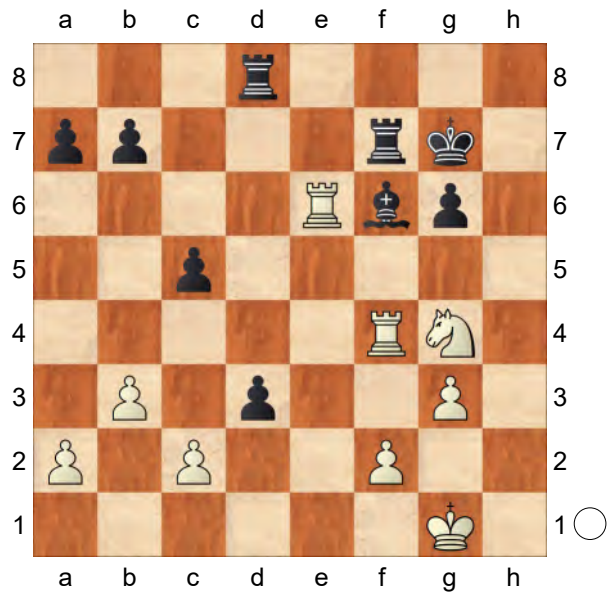
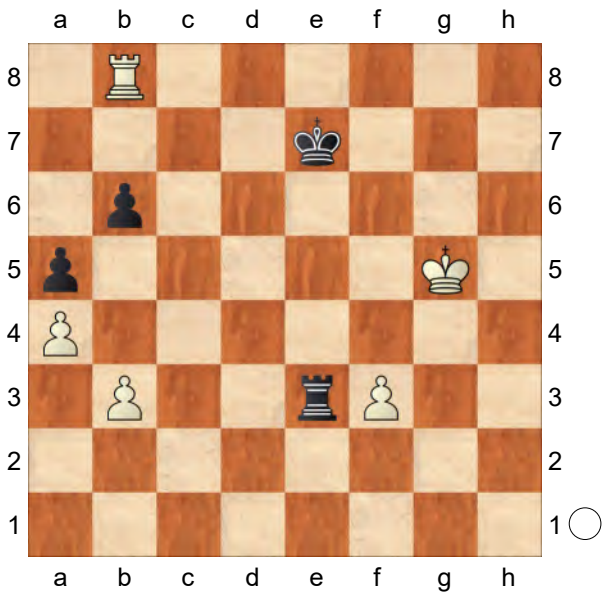


32.cxd3
[32.Rexf6 Rxf6 33.cxd3 Rxf4 34.gxf4 Rxd3-+]
[32.Nxf6? d2 *(32...dxc2? 33.Rc4-+)* 33.Ne8+ Rxe8 34.Rxe8 d1Q+-+ *(34...d1R+ 35.Kg2±)*]
[32.Rfxf6? Rxf6 33.Re7+ Kf8-+]
32...Bc3 33.Ne5 Rxf4 34.gxf4 Bxe5 35.fxe5 Endgame. KR-KR **35...Kf7** Wards off Re6-e7+ **36.Rf6+ Kg7 37.Rf3** 0.27/23
[37.Kf1± 0.69/21 feels stronger.]
37...Re8!= 38.Re3 g5! 39.Kg2 Kf7 40.Kg3 aiming for Kg3-g4. **40...Ke6 41.Kg4 Rf8** 1.14/22
[41...Rg8± 0.49/24]
42.f3±
[Weaker is 42.Kxg5 Rxf2 43.a3 a5∓]
42...Rf5 43.a4 0.01/25
[White should play 43.Kh5± 0.91/23]
43...b6!= 44.Re4 a6 45.d4
[45.Re3!?]
45...cxd4 46.Rxd4 Rxe5 47.Rd8! Ke7 Prevents Rd8-e8+ **48.Ra8 a5** 0.92/25
[48...Re3± 0.52/26]
49.Rb8± Re6 50.Kxg5 Re3

(Diagram)

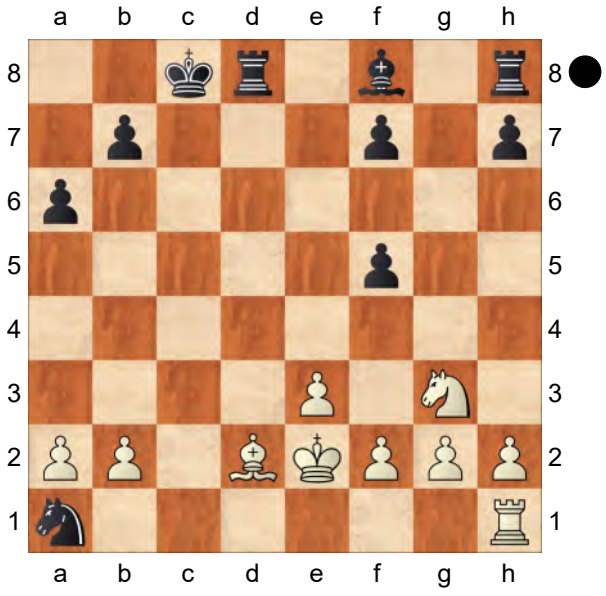


51.Rxb6 0.00/28
[51.Rb7+!± 0.88/24 Kd8 52.f4 *(52.Rxb6 Rxf3 53.Kg4 Rd3±)* 52...Rg3+ 53.Kf6 Rxb3 54.f5]
51...Rxf3= The position is equal. **52.Kg4 Rf8 53.Rb5 Kd6 54.Kg5 Kc6 55.Kg4 Kd6 56.Rxa5** And now Ra5-b5 would win. **56...Rb8 57.Rb5 Rxb5 58.axb5 Kc5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.04 (flawless)
½-½

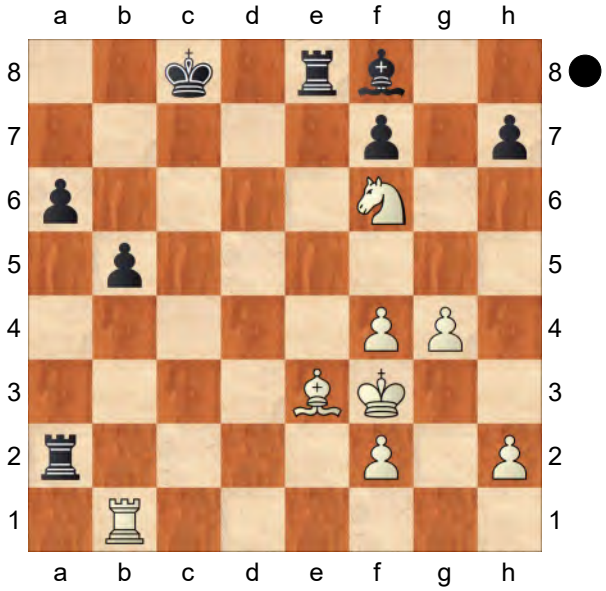
69 **D32**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
■ **Warmerdam,Max** **2625**
Tata Steel-A 86th (9) 23.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D32: Tarrasch Defence: Sidelines and lines without g3 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Qxd4 Nc6 6.Qd1 exd5 7.Qxd5 Qc7** 7...Bd6 is the modern continuation. 7...Ld6 ist die moderne Fortsetzung. **8.Nf3!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **8...Nf6** Prevents Qd5-e4+ **9.Qd3N**

White is slightly better.
[Vorgänger: 9.Qb5 -0.12/21 9.Qd5-d3 0.44 Bd7 0.47/20 *(9...a6= -0.12/21 10.Qa4 Bb4)* 10.Qb3± Bb4 11.Bd2 0-0 12.e3 Be6 13.Qc2 Ne5 14.Nd4 Bc4 15.Ne4! 1-0 Yelisieiev,Y (2420)-Fridman,D (2579) GER-ch Rapid 49th Dinkelsbuehl 2023 (9)]
[9.Qb3 Be6 10.Qa4 Bc5 11.e3 0-0 12.Be2 a6 13.0-0 Rad8 14.a3 Na5 15.Rb1 Bb3 16.Qh4 Be7 Von Hennig Schara Gambit BI-Von Hennig-Schara 5.Qxd4 with]
9...Be6 10.e3 a6 11.Ng5 0.07/24
[Better is 11.Bd2± 0.69/20]
11...Nb4 12.Qb1 Bc4 13.Nge4? -1.73/21
[13.a3= 0.10/20 and White has nothing to worry. Bxf1 14.Rxf1 *(14.Kxf1 Qc4+ 15.Kg1 Nd3=)*]
13...0-0-0↑ Black is on the roll. **14.Nxf6 gxf6 15.Bxc4 Qxc4 16.Qe4 Qxe4** Remove Defender **17.Nxe4 f5 18.Ng3 Nc2+ 19.Ke2 Nxa1 20.Bd2**

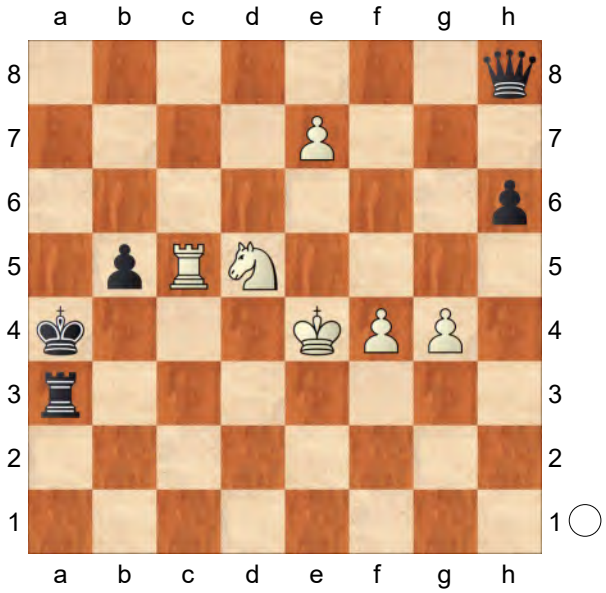


Bg7! 21.Rxa1 f4 -1.44/22
[21...Bxb2 22.Rb1 f4 23.Rxb2 fxg3 24.hxg3∓]
[21...Rd5-+ -1.84/22 22.Rc1+ Kd7]
22.Nf5 -1.85/24
[22.exf4∓ -1.44/22 was necessary. Bxb2 23.Rb1 Rhe8+ 24.Be3]
22...Bxb2 23.Rb1 Ba3 24.exf4 Rhe8+ 25.Be3 Bf8 -1.37/22
[25...Re4-+ -1.99/21 26.Rb3 Ra4]
26.g4 b5 27.Kf3 Prevents Re8-e4
27...Rd3 28.Ng3 Ra3 29.Ne4 Rxa2 30.Nf6



Rxe3+ -0.10/21 **31.fxe3= Rxh2∓** Endgame. KRB-KRN **32.Nd5 Kb7** aiming for ...Kb7-c6. **33.Rc1 Bd6** Repels Rc1-c7+
[33...b4!? 34.Rc7+□ Kb8±]
34.e4 Rh3+ 35.Ke2 h6 36.e5 Bb8 37.Rd1 -1.16/22
[37.Ra1= -0.03/22 keeps the balance.]
37...a5 Hoping for ...b5-b4. **38.Ra1?** -2.44/21
[38.Kd2∓ -0.92/21 might work better.]
38...a4-+ 39.Rb1 Kc6 ...Rh3-b3! is the strong threat. **40.Nb4+ Kb6 41.Kd2 Rh4 42.Nd5+ Ka5 43.Rc1?** -4.63/22
[43.Ne7 -1.82/21 keeps fighting. Ka6 *(43...Rxg4 44.Nc6+ Kb6 45.Nxb8∓)* 44.Nc6]
43...Rh2+

[43...Rxg4 44.Rc8 Ba7 45.Rc7∓]
44.Kd3 -4.50/22
[⩲44.Kc3 -3.21/19]
44...a3 45.Rc8 Ba7 46.Rc7 Rh3+ 47.Ke4 Bf2 48.Rxf7 -4.92/21
[⩲48.Rc2 -3.17/19 Bg1 49.f5]
48...Bc5 And now ...a3-a2 would win.
49.Rc7 a2 50.Rc8 Rc8-a8+ would kill now. **50...Ka4**
[50...a1B 51.Ra8+]
51.e6 -2.69/20
[⩲51.Ra8+ -4.61/18 Kb3 52.Nc7]
51...Ra3? 0.00/23
[51...a1B 52.Rxc5 Rh2 53.e7 Re2+ 54.Ne3 Kb4 55.Rc8 *(55.e8R Kxc5 56.Rc8+ Kb6±; 55.Rc2 Rxe3+ 56.Kxe3 Bg7 57.e8Q Ba1 58.Qc6 Kb3 59.Kd3 Kb4 60.Qc5+ Kb3 61.Qxb5+ Ka3 62.Kc4 Bh8 63.Qb4#)* 55...Bc3 56.e8Q *(56.e8B Bd2+-)*]
[51...Rh1 52.Nc3+ Ka5 *(52...Kb3? 53.Nxa2 Bd6 54.Nc1+ Kb2 55.Nd3+ Kb1 56.f5+-)* 53.Nxa2+- *(53.Rxc5? Re1+ 54.Kd5 a1Q-+)*]
[51...Ba3-+ -2.69/20 52.e7 Bxe7 53.Ra8+ *(53.Nxe7? Ra3-+)* 53...Kb3 54.Nxe7 Kb2 55.Rxa2+ Kxa2]
52.Rxc5= a1Q Wards off Rc5-c1
[52...a1B 53.e7 Kb3 54.e8Q *(54.e8B b4+-; 54.Rxb5+ Kc2 55.e8Q Kd2 56.Rb1 Ke2 57.Qb5+ Kf2 58.Qc5+ Bd4 59.Qxa3 Bc3 60.Qxc3 Kg2 61.Qf3+ Kh2 62.Rh1#)* 54...b4 55.Qb5 Ra4 56.Qc4+ Ka3 57.Rb5]
53.e7 Qh8? 5.82/25
[53...Qf1= 0.00/23 and Black is okay. 54.Kf5 Qd3+ 55.Ke6 Qe4+ 56.Kf7 Qh7+ *(56...Qd4 57.Rxb5* Decoy *Kxb5 58.e8Q+ Kc4 59.Qc6+ Qc5 60.Qxc5+ Kxc5 61.Ne7=)* 57.Kf6 *(57.Kf8 Qh8+ 58.Kf7 Qd4=)* 57...Qh8+ 58.Kf7 Qd4 59.Rxb5 Decoy Kxb5 60.e8Q+ Kc4 61.Qc6+ Kd3]



54.Rc8!!+- Decoy. White is clearly winning. **54...Qh7+**
[54...Qb2 55.e8Q]
55.f5 Rg3 56.e8Q White wants to mate with Rc8-a8+.
[56.e8B Rxg4+ 57.Ke5 Qg7+ 58.f6 Qg5+ 59.Kd6 Rd4-+]
56...Rxg4+ 57.Ke5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.41
1-0

70 **A29**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2702**
■ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2723**
World-chT Rapid (7.1) 27.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3 **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3**
[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 *(5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.dxc3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 h6 12.Be3 a5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.e4 a4*

15.Bf1 Bg4 16.Kg2 Na5 17.Be3 c6 18.h3 Be6 19.Bb6 Nc4 20.Bxc4 ½-½ Locci,D-Romanishin,O Bratto op 2009 (1) *)* 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Bh3 14.Re1 Rb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Be4 Qd7 17.Qc5 Bd4 18.Qa5 Rb5 ½-½ Dragon Variation,Y (2550)-Stamnov,A (2561) USSR 45/(175) 1988 (3)]

4...Bb4N

[4...d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Nd2 Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5 A 29/15 2000]

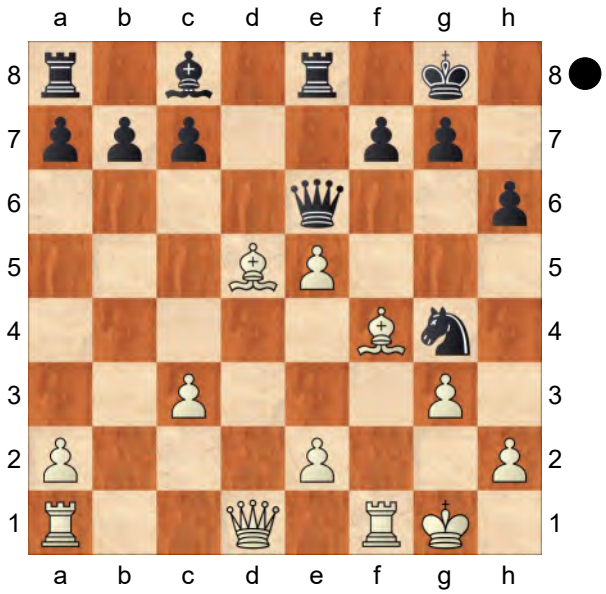
[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.b3 Re8 9.Re1 h6 10.Bb2 Be6 11.Rc1 Qd7 12.a3 a5 13.Nb5 Rac8 14.e4 Bh3 15.d4 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 exd4 17.Nbxd4 Nxe4 0-1 Livanez-Litvin,A (2425) (m/1) 96/87 Khanty Mansiysk 2005]

5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 e4 7.Ng5 Bxc3 8.bxc3 Re8 9.f3 exf3 10.Nxf3 d5 11.d4! h6! Prevents Bc1-g5. now scores much better than the old 11...Ne4. punktet besser als das ältere 11...Se4. **12.cxd5 Qxd5** The position is equal. **13.Ne5** was the old line (13.Nh4). war die alte Variante (13.Sh4). **13...Qe6 14.Bf4N**

[Vorgänger: 14.Nd3 Qxe2 15.Bxh6 Qxd1 16.Raxd1 Bg4 17.Rd2 Be2 18.Rxf6 gxf6 19.Nc5 Bc4 White must now prevent ...Re8-e1+. 20.Nxb7 ½-½ Morley,P (2365)-Zemlyanov,S (2389) LAT jub25/B email ICCF email 2017]

14...Nxe5 15.dxe5 Ng4 16.Bd5 -1.31/22

[16.Qd4!= -0.29/20]



16...Qb6+ -0.43/19

[Black should try 16...Qg6!∓ -1.31/22 Strongly threatening ...Qg6-h5! 17.Bg2 Bf5 *(17...Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 19.Qd8+ Kh7 20.Qxc7±)*]

17.Qd4∓ Be6

[Of course not 17...Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Rxe5 19.Bxf7+ Kh8 20.Rf2=]

18.Qxb6 cxb6 -0.14/23

[18...axb6∓ -0.89/26 19.Bxb7 Ra5 *(19...Rxa2 20.h3±)*]

19.Bxb7= This pair of bishops is nice. **19...Rab8 20.Ba6** aiming for h2-h3. **20...g5 21.Bc1 Nxe5** next ...Be6-c4 is good for Black. **22.h4 Bh3 23.Rd1 f6 24.hxg5 hxg5 25.a4 Be6 26.Bb5 Rec8 27.Rd6 Kf7 28.a5 Rc5 29.axb6?** -2.69/23 This move loses the game for White.

[29.Bd3!∓ -0.63/20]

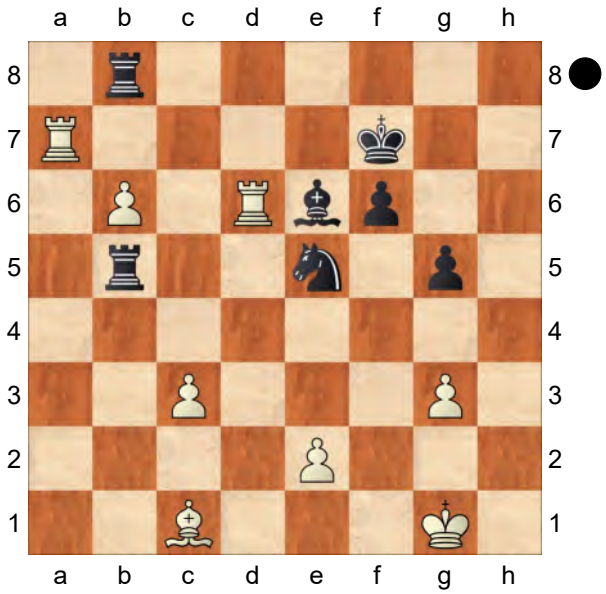
29...Rxb5-+

[29...axb6 30.Ra7+ Kg6 31.Re7=]

30.Rxa7+ -3.61/21

[30.bxa7 -2.39/19 was forced. Ra8 31.Kf1]

(Diagram)



30...Kg6! 31.Rxe6 Rb1!
[And not 31...R5xb6 32.Rxb6 Rxb6 33.Kf2=]
32.Kg2 Rxc1 33.b7 Rb1 Prevents Re6-b6 **34.Raa6 Nd7 35.e4** -5.36/19
[⌓35.Rad6 -3.42/20 Kf7 *(35...R1xb7? 36.Re7-+)* 36.Re4 R1xb7 37.Rdd4]
35...R8xb7 Black is clearly winning. **36.e5 R7b2+ 37.Kf3 Rf1+ 38.Kg4 Re2** Threatens to win with ...Rf1-f2! **39.exf6 Nxf6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.12 (very precise)
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71 **B22**
□ **Ju,Wenjun** **2563**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (2.2)
[Kitty Kat]

B22: Sicilian: 2 c3 **1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 e6 6.Nf3 d6 7.Bc4 dxe5**
[7...Nb6 8.Bb3 dxe5 9.Nxe5 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nc3 0-0 13.Qd3 a5 14.Bc2 g6 15.Rd1 Ba6 16.Qf3 Rc8 17.Bh6 Re8 18.Rac1 Bc4 19.b3 Bd5 20.Nxd5 Nxd5 21.Bd3 Qb6 22.Rc4 0-1 Eriksen (2528)-Moen,A (2563) olm4 qual GP2 B6 corr ICCF corr 1958 (5)]
8.dxe5 b6N Recently 8...Be7 got a lot of attention. Exploring less charted territory. 8...Le7 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
[8...Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qe2 a6 11.Rd1 b5 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Qd3 Nc6 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Qxd5 Qxd5 17.Rxd5 Rad8 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Bf4 Nb4 20.Bd2 Nd3 21.Ba5 Re8 22.a4 bxa4 23.Bc3 ½-½ Kusiak,M (1943)-Bartlomowicz,J (1649) Lazy Baltic Pearl op-A 19th 2023 (6)]
[8...Bb4+ 9.Nbd2 Nb6 10.Bb3 *(10.Be2 Bd7 11.0-0 Bc6 12.a3 Be7 13.Qc2 N8d7 14.Ne4 Rc8 15.Qb1 Nc5 16.Nxc5 Bxc5 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Rd1 Nd5 19.Bd2 Qb6 20.b4 Ba4 21.Rc1 0-0 22.Bc4 Qd8 23.Qe4 Bc6 24.Qg4 h5* 1-0 Ajay,S (2184)-Mohd,T (1496) Asia-ch U20 Jamshedpur 2023 (4)) 10...Bd7 11.Qe2 Nc6 12.0-0 Qc7 13.Ne4 Na5 14.Bc2 Nd5 15.a3 Be7 16.Bg5 f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Bh6 Nc6 19.Rac1 0-0-0 20.b4 a6 21.Ba4 Kb8 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Qxa6 1-0 Ponomariov,R (2580)-Taimanov,M (2490) Cannes Generations 1998 (8)]
9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qe2 White is slightly better. **10...Nd7N** 1.18/20
[Vorgänger: 10...Be7 11.Rd1 0-0 12.Bxd5 exd5 13.Nd4 -0.02/20 *(13.Nc3± 0.57/18)* 13...Re8 14.f4 Nc6 White must now prevent ... Nc6xd4. 15.Be3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qd7

0-1 Yilmaz,F (1562)-Cemhan,K (1815) TUR-chT2 Konya 2011 (4)]

[10...Bc5± 0.46/22]

11.Bg5 0.17/19

[11.Bxd5!± 1.18/20 Bxd5 12.Nc3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3]

11...Be7= 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nbd2 0-0 14.Rac1 Rfd8 15.Rfe1 -0.78/20

[15.g3= -0.23/20]

15...h6 -0.20/25

[15...Nc5∓ -0.78/20 Hoping for ...Nd5-f4. 16.Red1 Nf4]

16.a3 Rac8 17.g3 Wards off Nd5-f4

17...Nc5 18.b4 Na4 19.Ne4 Prevents Nd5-c3. **19...b5 20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Nd6 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 a6 23.Nd4 f6** 1.13/20

[23...Qd7= -0.04/22 remains equal.]

24.f4? -1.05/21

[24.Nc6± 1.13/20 is forced if you want to stay better. Qc7 25.Qc2 *(25.Nxd8? too greedy. Qxc1+ 26.Qf1 Qxa3-+)* 25...Rxd6 26.exd6 Qxd6 27.Nd4]

24...fxe5∓ 25.fxe5 Qg5 -0.84/24 Inhibits Qe2-e3.

[⌓25...Nb6! -1.25/22 ...Nb6-c4 would now be deadly. 26.Nc6 Qc7]

26.Rf1 And now Nd6-f7 would win.

26...Nc3 0.00/23

[Black should play 26...Rd7!∓ -1.25/20 27.Nf3 Qg4]

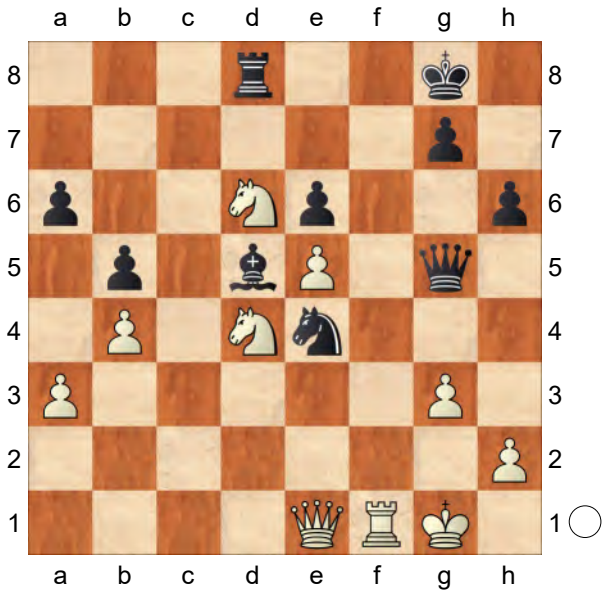
27.Qe1= Ne4? 1.97/25

(Diagram)

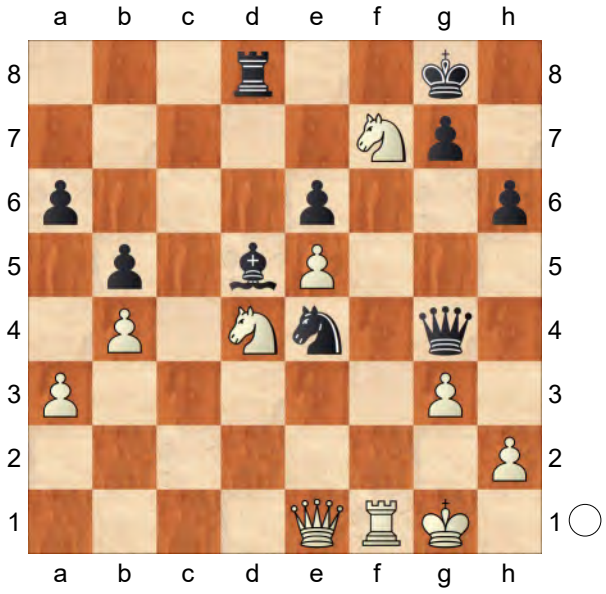
28.Nf7!+- Deflection, Double Attack. A dynamic duo of knights.

[Not 28.Nxe4 Qxe5 29.Qe3 Qxe4 *(29...Bxe4? loses. 30.Nc6+-* Pin, Double Attack*)* 30.Qxe4 Bxe4 31.Nxe6 Re8=]

28...Qg4 2.35/20



[28...Qe7± 1.46/20 is a better defense.]



29.Nxd8?? -5.58/23

[29.Rf4!+- 2.35/20 is the narrow road to win. Qxf4 Remove Defender 30.gxf4 Kxf7 31.Qc1]

29...Ng5-+ 30.h4 Qxd4+ 31.Kh2 Nf3+ 32.Rxf3 Bxf3 33.Nxe6 -#3/25

[33.Qf1-+ -4.20/24 Qd2+ 34.Kh3]

33...Qb2+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.96/Black=0.58

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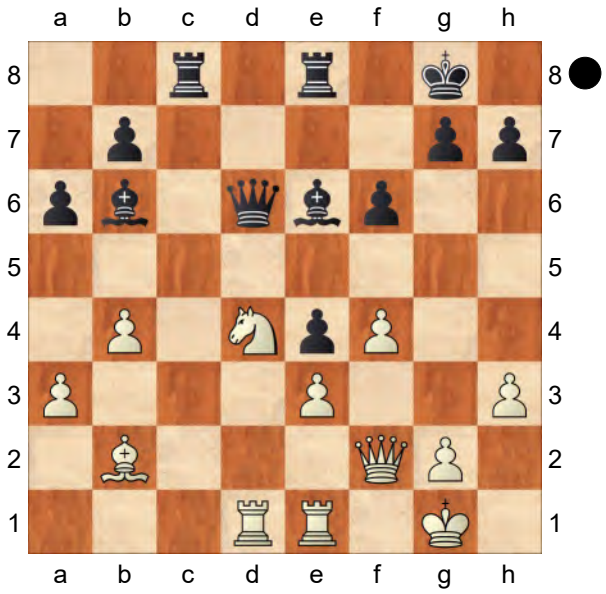
72 **E46**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
■ **Ju,Wenjun** **2563**
FIDE World Bl Team Final blitz (2.1)
[Kitty Kat]

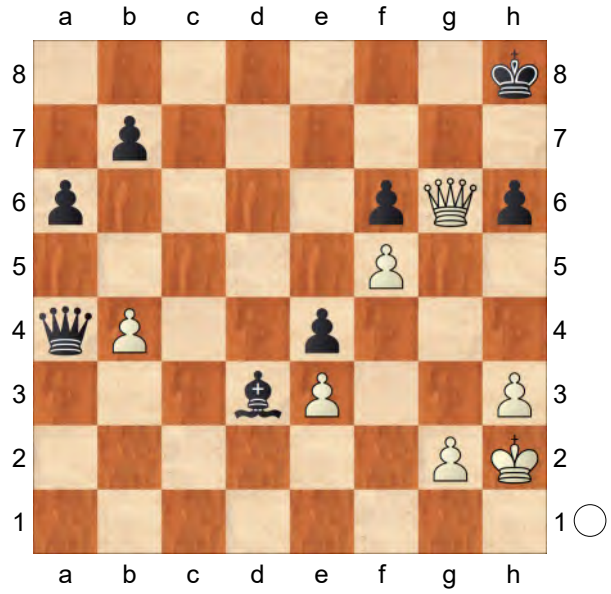
E46: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: 4 e3 0-0 5 Ne2 without early Bd3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Nf4 Re8 9.Bd3 c6 10.0-0 Na6 11.f3 Nc7 12.Bc2N**
[12.Kh1 b6 13.g4 Ne6 14.b4 Nxf4 15.exf4 Bb7 16.Qc2 c5 17.g5 Nh5 18.Bxh7+ Kf8 19.bxc5 bxc5 20.Rb1 Bc6 21.Bf5 Bd6 22.Ne2 Qe7 23.dxc5 Bxc5 24.Bg4 Qxe2 25.Qxc5+ Kg8 26.Kg1 Rac8 1-0 Korobov,A (2687)-Cheparinov,I (2667) IMSA World Masters Rapid Hengshui CHN 2019 (5.3) 27.Bxh5 Ba4 28.Qf2 1-0 Kuijf,M (2687)-Martins,D (2667) FRA-chT France 2001 (5.3)]
[12.Bd2 c5 13.Rc1 b6 14.Be1 Bd6 15.Qd2 Bxf4 16.exf4 Ne6 17.Ne2 a5 18.f5 Nxd4 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Bh4 Bd7 21.Qf4 Qe7 22.Rfe1 Qf8 23.Qxd4 Rxe1+ 24.Bxe1 Rc8 25.Rxc8 Qxc8 26.Qxb6 Qc1 ½-½ Deuer,M (2336)-Srbis,J (2451) Mitropa Cup Mati Losinj 2023 (7.18)]
12...c5 The position is equal. **13.Nce2** -0.49/18
[13.Bb3= 0.01/20]
13...Ne6 -0.10/21
[13...b6∓ -0.49/18]
14.Nxe6= Bxe6 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.b4 Bb6 17.Nd4 Rc8 0.26/22
[Better is 17...h5∓ -0.44/22]
18.Bb2 -0.21/24
[⌓18.Nxe6! 0.26/22 fxe6 *(18...Rxe6 19.Bf5=)* 19.Re1]
18...a6 19.Re1 Qd6 20.Qd2 Bc7 21.f4 -0.36/20 Active counter play!
[21.g4= 0.00/20]
21...Bb6∓ 22.h3 Ne4 -0.07/19
[22...Bd7∓ -0.53/20]
23.Bxe4= dxe4 24.Qf2 White is weak on the light squares **24...f6 25.Rad1**



Nd4-f5! would now be deadly. **25...Qe7 26.Rd2 Red8 27.Red1 Qf7 28.Qg3** -0.31/21
[28.Nxe6= 0.17/19 deserves consideration. Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Qxe6 30.Bd4]
28...Bxd4 29.Rxd4 Rxd4 30.Bxd4 Bb3 31.Rd2 Rc2 32.Rxc2 Bxc2 Endgame. KQB-KQB **33.f5 h6 34.Kh2 Kh7 35.Qd6 Bd3 36.a4 Qa2** 0.36/25
[36...Bf1= 0.00/31 feels stronger.]
37.Qg3 0.00/23
[37.Bxf6± 0.36/25 gxf6 38.Qe7+ *(38.Qxf6 Qg8=)* 38...Kg8 39.Qe8+ Kg7 40.Qg6+ Kf8 41.Qxf6+ Ke8 42.Qxh6]
37...Qxa4 0.78/26
[37...Qf7= 0.00/23]
38.Bxf6±
[38.Qg6+ Kh8+-]
38...gxf6 1.38/34

[⌓38...Qd7 0.76/25]

39.Qg6+ Kh8



Threatens to win with ...Qa4-c6. **40.Qxh6+ Kg8** White must now prevent ...Qa4-c6. **41.Qg6+**

[41.Qxf6 Qxb4 42.h4 Qc4 *(42...Qf8 43.Qg6+ Qg7 44.Qe8+ Qf8 45.Qg6+ Qg7 46.Qe8+ Kh7 47.Qh5+ Qh6 48.Qf7+ Kh8 49.f6=)* 43.Qd8+ Kf7=]

41...Kf8 Hoping for ...Qa4-c6. **42.Qxf6+ Kg8 43.Qe6+** White has strong compensation. **43...Kf8 44.Qf6+ Kg8 45.Qe7** 0.88/22

[⌓45.Qd8+ 1.39/26 Kf7 46.Qc7+ Kf6 47.Qd6+ *(47.Qxb7 Kxf5 48.Qd5+ Kf6=)* 47...Kf7 *(47...Kxf5 48.g4+ Kg5 49.Kg3 Bf1 50.h4#)* 48.Qe6+ Kf8 49.Qf6+]

45...Qc6? 9.84/27

[45...Qb3± 0.88/22]

46.f6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)

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73 **A36**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**

■ **Korobov,Anton** **2658**

FIDE Grand Swiss (3) 27.10.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A36: Symmetrical English vs ...g6: 4 Bg2 Bg7 **1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.a3N**

[5.d3 d6 6.e4 f5 7.Nge2 Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Rb1 Bd7 10.Bg5 Ng4 11.h3 Nge5 12.f4 Nf7 13.exf5 Nxg5 14.fxg5 Bxf5 15.g4 Bd7 16.Ne4 Rb8 17.Qd2 Nd4 18.Nf4 Bc6 19.Nd5 a5 0-1 Duchamp,M-Le Lionnais,F Paris offhand 1932 20.Rxf8+ Qxf8 21.Rf1 Qd8 22.Kh1 Be5 23.Qe3 b5 24.Nxc5 bxc4 25.dxc4 Rxb2 26.Ne4 Bxd5 27.cxd5 Rxa2 28.Nd2 a4 29.Nc4 Re2 30.Qd3 Bg7 31.h4 Qc8 32.Rf4 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Nb3 34.h5 Qc5 0-1 Duchamp,M-Schroeder,M New York Metropolitan Team-ch 1922 (1)]

[5.Nf3 d6 *(5...b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.d3 d6 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.a3 0-0 10.Rb1 d5 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5 13.b4 cxb4 14.Bxb4 Nxb4 15.Ne1 Qd7* A 37/04 2000*)* 6.0-0 Nf6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.e4 0-0 11.Qe2 Nd7 12.Bd2 a6 13.Rab1 b5 14.cxb5 axb5 15.a3 Rb8 16.Rfc1 Ne5 17.Nd5 Qd7 18.Bc3 Rfc8 19.b3 Ba8 1-0 Camilleri,S (2524)-Babarovic,F (2494) Tata Steel-A 84th Wijk aan Zee 2022]

5...d6 6.Rb1 a5 7.d3! 7.d3 is better than 7.Nf3. 7.d3 ist besser als 7.Sf3. **7...Nf6 8.e3 0-0 9.Nge2 Bd7 10.0-0** White is slightly better. **10...Rb8 11.Nb5 Qc8 12.Nf4 Ne5 13.b3N**

[Vorgänger: 13.Re1 -0.43/17 13.b2-b3 0.58 13.a3-a4 0.54 g5

14.Nd5 -1.32/20 *(14.Ne2∓ -0.43/20* remains equal.*)* 14...Nxd5∓ 15.Bxd5 Bf5 16.Be4? -3.01/20 *(16.Ra1∓* -1.19/18 was necessary.*)* 16...Bxe4-+ 17.dxe4 g4 18.Re2 Qe6 19.Qd5? -4.42/20 *(19.b3* -2.48/17 was worth a try. *)* 19...Nf3+-+ 20.Kh1 Qh6 21.h4 Be5 0-1 Chang,S (1978)-Caris,E (1741) Sao Jose dos Campos op 2012 (5)]

13...g5 14.Ne2 g4 15.Bb2 Nf3+ 16.Kh1 Bxb5 17.cxb5 Qf5 18.e4 Qd7 19.Bxf6 0.19/20

[19.a4± 0.95/19]

19...Bxf6= 20.Bxf3 gxf3 21.Nf4 Black should prevent a3-a4. And now a3-a4 would win.

[Of course not 21.Ng1 Qxb5 22.Nxf3 Qa6∓ *(22...Qd7∓)*]

21...Qxb5 22.Nd5 Qd7! 23.Nxf6+ exf6 24.Re1 Rfe8

[24...Qg4 25.Re3±]

25.Re3 Re6 0.80/19

[25...Rbd8= 0.14/23 remains equal.]

[25...d5= 0.13/20]

26.Qxf3 Rd8 27.Rc1 a4 28.Qd1 0.02/19

[28.bxa4± 0.42/20 Qxa4 29.Rc3]

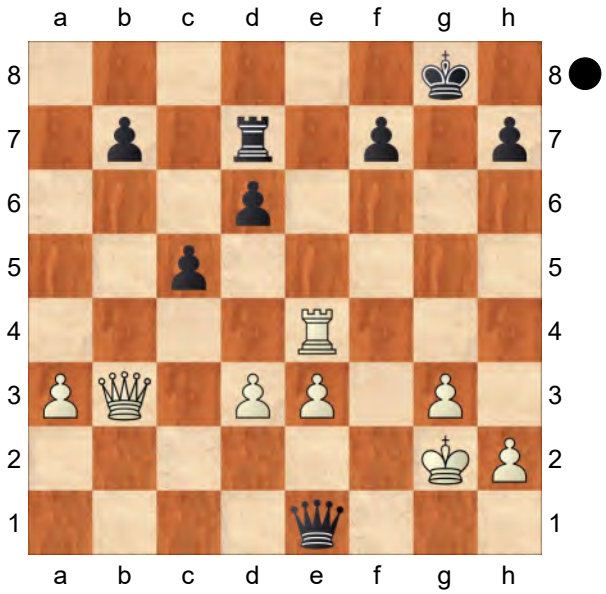
28...axb3= The position is equal. **29.Qxb3 f5 30.exf5 Rxe3 31.fxe3 Qxf5** Endgame. KQR-KQR **32.Kg2** Prevents Qf5-f3+ **32...Rd7 33.Rc4**

[33.Rf1 simplifies Qe6 34.Qxe6 fxe6 35.Rb1]

33...Qh5 34.Re4 Qe2+ 35.Kg1 Qe1+ 36.Kg2

(Diagram)

Re4-g4+ would now be deadly. Black must now prevent Re4-g4+. **36...Qe2+ 37.Kg1 Qe1+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09



(flawless) Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)

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74 **A07**

□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2690**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham 2719**

HUN-ch Rapid (8) 22.07.2023

[Kitty Kat]

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.h3 Bh5 5.0-0 Nd7 6.d3 e5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4 Bc5 9.Nbd2 Ngf6 10.Qe1 0-0 11.Nc4** -0.01/19 is the legacy move (11.Nh4). ist old school (11.Sh4).

[11.a4± 0.34/22]

[11.a4± 0.36/25]

11...Re8!= 12.a4 b5

[12...Qc7 13.Bd2 Nb6 14.Ba5 -0.29/19 *(⌓14.Nxb6* 0.12/21 *Qxb6 15.b3)* 14...Bxf3= 15.Bxf3 Qc8 16.Bxb6 axb6 17.Kg2 b5 18.axb5 Black must now prevent Ra1xa8. Rxa1 19.Qxa1 cxb5 20.Nd2 Rd8

21.Nb3 Bb6 22.Rd1 Rxd1 23.Qxd1 Artemiev,V (2664)-Wang,Y (2726) Russia 124/(4) 2015]

13.Na5 Qc7 The position is equal. The position is equal. **14.Bd2 Nb6N**

[14...Bf8 15.Nh4 Nc5 0.09/22 *(15...a6!∓ -0.34/19)* 16.axb5= cxb5 17.Bg5 Nfd7 18.Be3 f6 19.c4 bxc4! 20.Qc3! Nb6 21.Nxc4 Nca4 22.Bxb6 Nxb6 23.Rfc1 Qxc4 24.Qxc4+ Nxc4 25.Rxc4 Reb8 26.Rc2 Rb7 27.Nf5 Rab8 28.Bf1 Bf7 29.Ne3 ½-½ Horvath,J (2507)-Brunner,N (2443) Vaujany op-A 7th 2016 (8) h5 30.Bc4 Bxc4 31.Rxc4 Rxb2 32.Rxa7 R2b7 33.Rxb7 Rxb7 34.Kg2 ½-½ Horvath,J (2507)-Brunner,N (2443) Vaujany op-A 7th 2016 (8)]

15.b3 Nfd7 0.27/22

[⌓15...bxa4 -0.14/21 16.bxa4 Qc8]

16.Nh4 f6 0.48/22

[16...bxa4= -0.08/20 is more appropriate. 17.Nf5 Bf8]

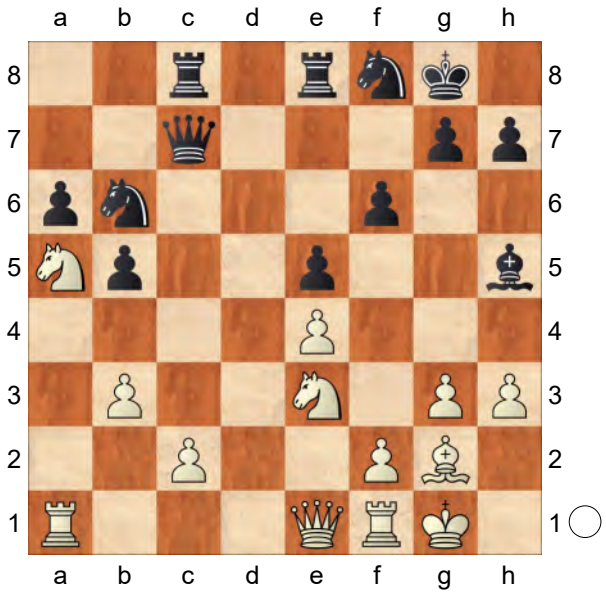
[16...bxa4= -0.02/21 17.Nf5 Bg6]

17.axb5± cxb5 18.Nf5 Bf8 19.Ne3 Nc5N

[Predecessor: 19...Rac8 20.Bb4 a6 0.79/22 *(20...Nc5= -0.02/18; 20...Nc5=* 0.00/22 keeps the balance. *)* 21.Bxf8 Nxf8

(Diagram)

22.c4 0.03/23 *(* White should play *22.Nd5!± 0.77/20 Nxd5 23.exd5; 22.Nd5!± 0.78/21 Nxd5 23.exd5 Qxc2 24.Nc6)* 22...Ne6= 23.g4 Bf7 24.Nd5 Qb8 25.Qe3 *(25.Qb4!?)* 25...Nd4 26.Rfc1 Nd7 27.Bf1 -0.12/22 *(⌓27.b4 0.25/19)* 27...bxc4 28.Bxc4 Nb6 29.Nxb6 Qxb6 ½-½ Abramovic,B (2274)-Vishwa,V (2047) Belgrade Radnicki IM T2 12



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20.Nd5 Qd7 21.Bb4 -0.40/23

[21.g4= 0.01/22 Bg6 22.c4]

[21.c4= 0.12/22]

21...Rac8 0.17/19

[21...f5∓ -0.38/21]

[Black should try 21...f5∓ -0.40/23]

22.Qe3= Qf7 23.Ra2? -1.79/20 Now White is beyond hope.

[23.c4= 0.11/20 remains equal.]

[23.g4= 0.14/21 and White has nothing to worry. Bg6 24.c4]

23...f5-+ Strongly threatening ...f5-f4!

24.c4? -2.86/21

[24.Bxc5∓ -0.89/18 was necessary. Bxc5 -0.62/19 *(24...Nxd5∓* -1.21/20 *25.exd5 Bxc5)* 25.Qd3]

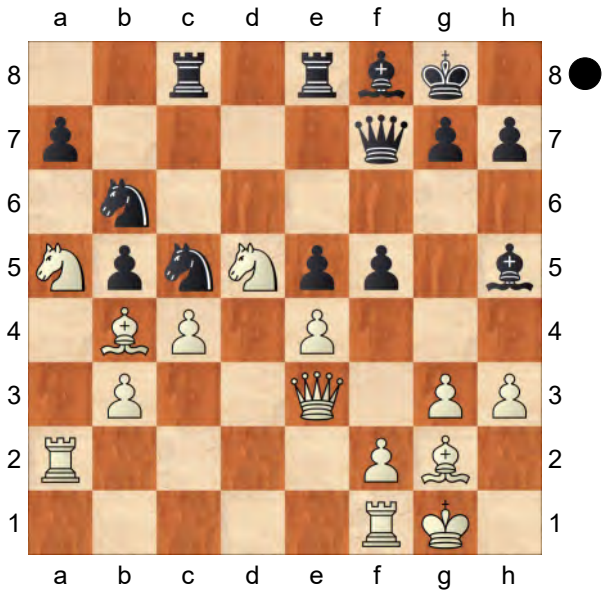
[24.Bxc5 -1.72/22 was necessary. Nxd5 *(24...Bxc5 25.Qg5-+)* 25.Qd2]

(Diagram)

Now White is beyond hope. **24...f4! 25.Qd2**

[25.Nxf4 exf4]

25...f3 26.Bh1 Nxe4 27.Qe3 Nxd5 28.cxd5 Nf6 29.Bxf8 Nxd5



[29...Rxf8? -1.20/20 29...Nf6xd5 -3.35 30.Bxf3 Bxf3 *(30...Nxd5 31.Bxd5 Qxd5 32.Rd2∓* Prevents e5-e4*)* 31.Qxf3∓]
[29...Qxf8 30.Bxf3 Bf7 31.Qxa7∓ -1.70/21 *(31.Rd2∓* -0.91/21 is a better defense. *e4 32.Bg4 Nxd5 33.Rxd5 Bxd5 34.Bxc8 Rxc8 35.Qxa7)*]
[Less strong is 29...Rxf8 30.Bxf3 Bxf3 31.Qxf3∓]

30.Qd3 Rxf8

[Weaker is 30...Kxf8 31.Qxb5 Nc3 32.Qb4+ Qe7 *(32...Kg8 33.Rd2∓)* 33.Qxe7+ Rxe7 34.Ra3-+]
[Weaker is 30...Kxf8 31.Qxb5 Nc3 32.Qb4+ Qe7 *(32...Kg8 33.Rd2-+)* 33.Qxe7+ Rxe7 34.Ra3-+]

31.Rd2 Nc3 32.Qe3 e4 33.Kh2 Bg6 34.b4 Nd5 35.Qd4 Nf6 36.Rfd1 h6 37.Qe3 Bf5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.41/Black=0.11 (very precise) . Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/ Black=0.13 (very precise)

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75 **B51**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2716**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
Aimchess Play In op rapid (3) 12.06.23
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**

[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]

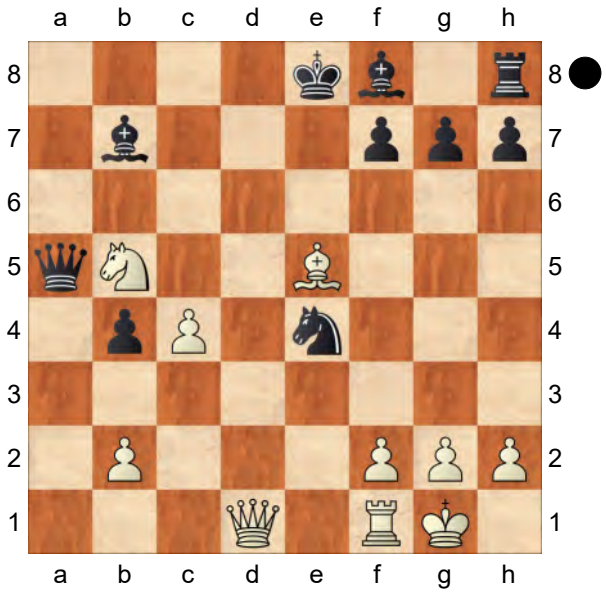
3...Nd7N

[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell, A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]

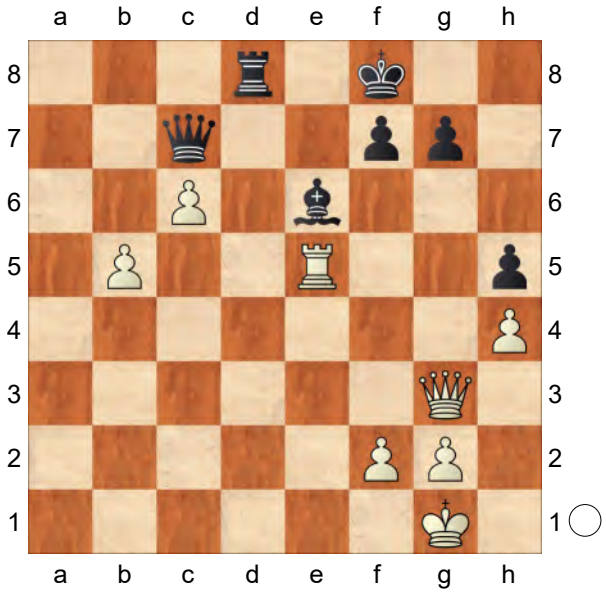
4.0-0 a6 5.Bd3 Ngf6 6.c3 b5 7.a4 Bb7 8.axb5 White is slightly better.

8...axb5 9.Rxa8 Qxa8 10.Na3 b4

11.Nb5 Qa5 Repels Nb5-c7+ **12.cxb4 cxb4 13.Bc4** Against e7-e6 **13...Nxe4 14.d3** Dodges d6-d5 **14...d5 15.Bf4!**
[15.Bxd5 Bxd5 16.dxe4 Bc4-+ *(16...Bxe4 17.Qe2±; 16...Bxe4 17.Qe2±)*]
15...e5 16.Nxe5 dxc4 17.dxc4 Nxe5 18.Bxe5



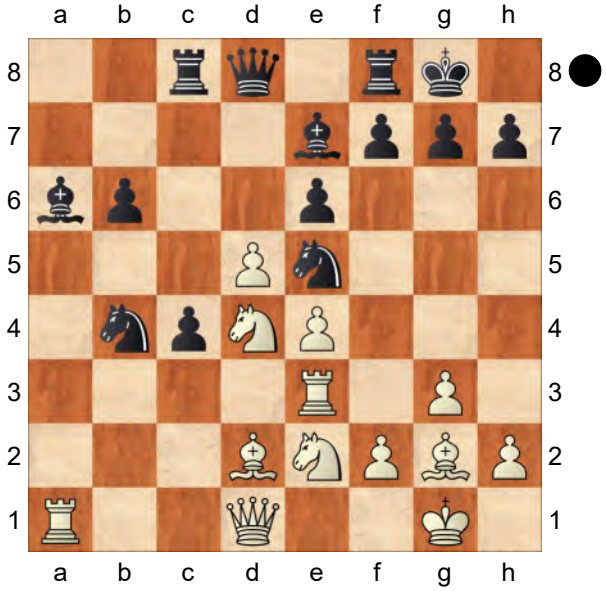
And now Be5-c7 would win. **18...Bc5** 0.00/25
[Black should try 18...f6!∓ -0.85/24 ...Qa5-b6! would now be deadly. 19.Bc7 Qa6 20.Qd8+ Kf7]
19.Bd6 Bxd6 20.Nxd6+ Nxd6 21.Qxd6 Rf1-e1+ would kill now. **21...Bc8! 22.Re1+! Be6 23.Rd1! Qa8** Prevents Qd6-b8+
[23...Bxc4? 24.Qc6+ Kf8 25.Qxc4+- *(25.Qc8+ Ke7+-)*]
24.c5 Qc8 25.c6 Threatens to win with Rd1-d4! **25...h5! 26.Re1** c6-c7! is the strong threat.
[26.Qxb4? loses. Qxc6 27.Qb8+ Qc8 28.Qb5+ Kf8-+]
[26.c7? Qd7 27.c8Q+ Qxc8-+]
26...Rh6 27.Re5 Qd8 28.Qxb4 Qc7 29.Qc5 Qe7 0.44/23
[29...Rf6= 0.00/22 is superior.]
30.Qc3 0.00/22
[30.Qb5± 0.44/23 might be stronger. Qc7 31.Re1]
30...Qc7 31.b4 Strongly threatening b4-b5. **31...Ke7** 0.61/23
[31...Rf6= 0.06/24]
32.b5± Black must now prevent Re5-e1.
32...Rh8 33.Qg3 0.00/26
[33.Re1!± 0.64/20]
33...Rd8= (→ ...Rd8-d1+) **34.h4** Hoping for Re5xe6+!
[Not 34.Rxe6+? Kxe6 35.Qh3+ Kd5 36.Qxh5+ Qe5-+]
34...Kf8? 5.76/24
[34...Qb6= 0.09/19]



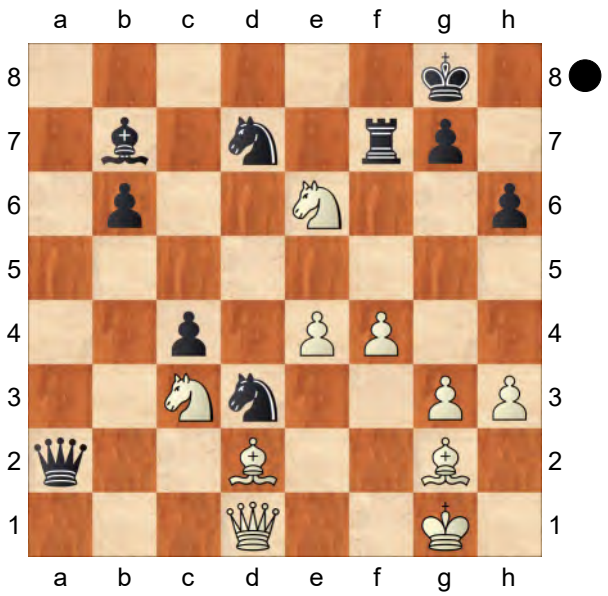
A mistake that costs the game. **35.Rxe6!+-** Discovered Attack. White is clearly winning. **35...Qxg3 36.fxg3 fxe6** Endgame. KR-KP **37.c7 Ke7 38.cxd8Q+ Kxd8 39.Kf2 Kc7 40.Ke3 Kb6 41.Kd4 Kxb5 42.Ke5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.30. Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
0-1

76 **E06**
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2716**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
Aimchess Play In op rapid (3) 12.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Nc3 a5 now supersedes 7...Nbd7. löst 7...Sbd7 inzwischen ab. **8.b3 Nbd7N**
[8...b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.a3 *(10.Nd2 b5 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Na4 c3 16.Bxc3 Bb5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Be2 19.Re1 Bd3 20.Qc1 Nd7 21.Nb3 a4 22.Rd1 Be2 23.Rd2 axb3 24.Rxe2 Nxc5* 1-0 Navara,D (2689)-Yu,Y (2735) Biel Blitz 56th 2023 (1) *)* 10...dxc4 *(10...Nbd7 11.Re1 Rc8 12.Nd2 c5 13.e3 cxd4 14.exd4 dxc4 15.bxc4 Bxc4 16.Nxc4 Rxc4 17.Nb5 Nd5 18.Qe2 Qc8 19.Be4* 6. Closed Catalan-Closed Catalan After*)* 11.bxc4 Bxc4 12.Ne5 Ba6 13.Qb3 Nd5 14.Rfe1 Bf6 15.Ne4 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Qc2 Qc7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Qe4 Kg7 20.Qh4 h6 21.Ne4 Qd8 22.Nf6 N5xf6 23.exf6+ 1-0 Dudkova,J (1519)-Stavova,M (1284) CZE-ch U16 Girls Teplice 2023 (8)]
9.Bf4 b6 White is slightly better.
10.cxd5N
[Predecessor: 10.Ne5 Bb7 11.e4 Bb4 12.exd5 cxd5 13.Nb5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ne4 15.Qe2 0.55/19 ;1-0 Kourkoulos Arditis,S (2500)-Bonte,A (2333) ROM-chT Mamaia 2021 (7.1) *(15.Qg4±* 1.07/20 *)*]
10...Nxd5 11.Bd2 Ba6 12.Re1 Rc8 13.e4 Nb4 14.a3 Nd3 15.Re3 aiming for Bg2-f1. **15...c5** And now ... c5xd4 would win. **16.d5 c4 17.Nd4** -1.67/22
[17.b4!= -0.21/18]
17...N7e5 -0.97/17
[17...cxb3-+ -1.67/22 Strongly threatening ...Be7-c5. 18.Ncb5 *(18.dxe6? N7c5-+* Discovered Attack*; 18.Nc6? Rxc6 19.dxc6 N7e5-+)* 18...Nxf2 19.Kxf2 Bc5]
18.b4∓ Dodges Be7-c5 **18...axb4 19.axb4 Nxb4 20.Nce2** -1.02/19
[20.Qh5!∓ -0.64/20 might be stronger. Ned3 21.Na2]



20...Bb7!
[20...exd5 21.Bxb4 Bxb4 22.exd5± *(22.Rxa6 Ng4±)*]
21.dxe6 Nbd3 22.Ra7 Rc7 23.exf7+ Rxf7 24.Ne6 -2.00/21
[24.f4∓ -1.23/20 Ng4 25.Ne6]
24...Qb8-+ 25.Nxc7 Hoping for Ra7xb7! **25...Qxa7 26.Nf4 Bc5 27.Nce6 Bxe3 28.Bxe3 h6** Against Ne6-g5 **29.h3 Qa8 30.Nd5 Qa5 31.f4 Nd7 32.Bd2** -2.29/21
[32.Nd8∓ -1.31/19 Bxd5 33.exd5]
32...Qa2 33.Nc3
(Diagram)



Qb2 0.00/24
[33...Qa8!-+ -1.80/20 Threatens to win with ...Nd7-f6. 34.Qb1 N3c5]
34.Nd8↑ White is pushing. **34...Nf6 35.Nxf7 Kxf7 36.e5 Bxg2 37.exf6 Bc6**
[37...Bxh3? 38.Qh5+ Kxf6 *(38...g6? 39.Qxh3 Qa1+ 40.Kh2+-)* 39.Qe8+- *(39.Qxh3 Kg6+-; 39.Qxh3 Kg6+-)*]
38.fxg7 Kg8 39.Qe2 Qa1+ 40.Nd1! Qd4+
[40...Kxg7? 41.Bc3++-]
41.Kf1? -11.22/28
[41.Kh2= 0.00/21 Qd5 *(41...Qxg7?* loses. *42.Qe6+ Qf7 43.Qxc6+-)* 42.g4]
41...Qd5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.18 (very precise)
[41...Qxg7? is the wrong capture. 42.Qe6+ Kh7 43.Qxc6+-]
[41...Kxg7? perishes. 42.Bc3 Pin Kf7 43.Bxd4+-]
0-1

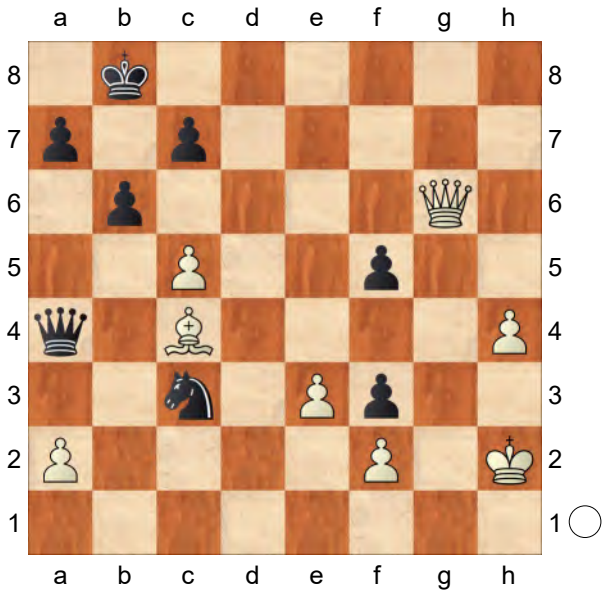
77 **D07**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Aravindh,Chithambaram VR** **2649**
FIDE Grand Swiss (7) 01.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D07: Queen's Gambit: Chigorin Defence
1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6N
[2...c5 3.Nf3 *(3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 cxd4 7.cxd4 e5 8.Nf3 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 exd4 11.Bb5+ Bd7* ½-½ Hammes,M (2349)-Zaitsev,M (2467) Boeblingen op 20th Böblingen 2003 (7)) 3...cxd4 4.Nxd4 *(4.cxd5 Nf6 5.Nxd4 Qxd5 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.e4 Bd7 8.Bd2 Nc6 9.Ndb5 Rc8 10.Rc1 e5 11.Bc4 a6 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Nbc3 Nd4 14.Bb3 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Bc6 16.0-0 Bc5 17.Qg4 0-0 18.Kh1 Bxd5* 0-1 Ferragut,A (2710)-Maung,M (2847) Jugoslavija 85/456 2002 (9.8) *19.Nxd5 f5 20.Qg5 fxe4 21.Qxe5 Rf5 22.Qxd4 Bxd4 23.Rxc8 Rxd5 24.Rxd8+ Rxd8 25.g3 Bxb2 26.Bf4 b5 27.Re1 Rd4 28.Kg2 Rc4 29.Rd1 Bf6 30.Rd2 Kf7 31.g4 Bd4 32.Re2 Bc5 33.Rd2 Ke6* 1-0 Dubov,D (2708)-Christiansen,J (2577) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3)) 4...Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 *(6.Nf3 d4 7.Nxe5 dxc3 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Nxf7+ Ke8 10.Nxh8 Bb4 11.b3 Bf5 12.f3 Nc6 13.e4 Be6 14.Be3 Ke7 15.a3 Bd6 16.Bd3 Rxh8 17.Ke2 Rd8 18.h3 Nh5 19.Rhd1 Nf4+ 20.Kf2 Be5* 0-1 Chaury,F (2183)-Konson,K (2251) Baden VLS 0203 2002 (9.4)) 6...d4 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.e4 Qb6 0-1 Rossetto,H-Michel,P Mar del Plata (Argentina) 1943]
3.Nf3 Bg4 4.cxd5 Bxf3 5.gxf3 Qxd5

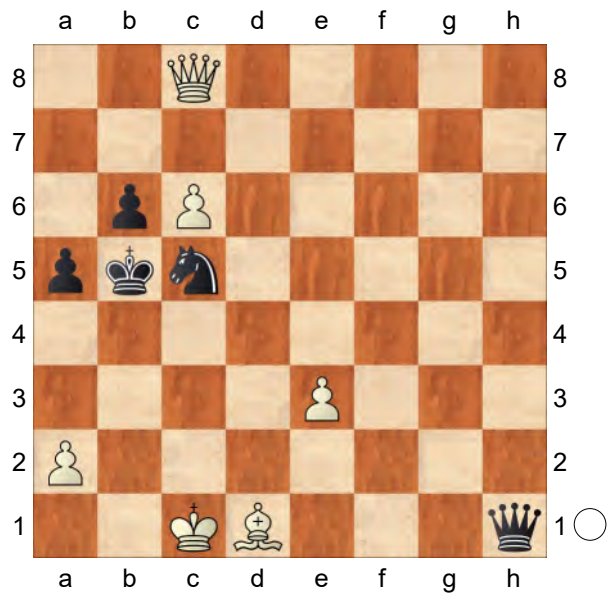
6.e3 e5 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Bd2 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Qd6 10.Rg1 0-0-0 11.Rb1 0.41/19
[11.Rxg7± 0.83/20 Threatens to win with f3-f4. Qf6 12.Rg1]
11...Kb8 1.18/17
[11...Nge7± 0.41/19]
12.Qb3± White is better.
[12.Rxg7 Nge7±]
12...b6 13.d5! Na5 14.Qb4 Qxd5 15.c4 Qb7 1.48/20
[⌓15...Qxf3 0.78/21 16.Bg2 *(16.Qxa5 Qf5±)* 16...Qf5]
16.Qa4 Nc6 17.Rxg7 Nge7 18.c5! Bf1-a6 would now be deadly. **18...Qc8 19.Bc3** 0.21/22 White has more active pieces.
[19.cxb6!± 1.02/19 axb6 20.Rb3 *(20.Rxf7 Qe6±)*]
19...Rhg8 20.Rg3 f5 0.70/23
[Black should play 20...Rg6= 0.17/21]
21.Ba6
[21.cxb6 simplifies axb6 22.Rb3 Qb7 23.Rxg8 Rxg8 24.Bb5]
21...Qd7 22.Rd1 Qe8 23.Rxd8+ Qxd8 24.Bc4 A strong pair of Bishops.
[24.Ke2 keeps more tension. Rg6 25.Qc4 f4 26.Rxg6 hxg6 27.Qf7]
24...Rg6 25.Rxg6 hxg6 26.h4 Nd5? 3.12/23
[Better is 26...Qf8± 0.57/25]
27.Qxc6+- Nxc3 Endgame. KQB-KQN
28.Kf1! e4 3.76/34
[28...b5 2.66/25 might work better.]
29.Qxg6 Qg6-g8 is the strong threat.
29...Qd1+ 30.Kg2 exf3+ 31.Kh2 Qa4

(Diagram)

Wards off Qg6-e8+ **32.c6?** 0.00/31 **a5= 33.Qe6 Ne4 34.Bb3**
[34.Bd3!? Nd6 *(34...Nxf2 35.Qg8+ Ka7 36.Qc4±)* 35.Qe7 Qxc6 36.Bxf5=]
34...Qb4⇄ Black puts up resistance
35.Qe8+ Ka7 36.Qd7 Nd6! 37.Qxc7+
[37.Qe7 simplifies Ka6 38.Bd5 Qe1 39.Bxf3 Qxf2+ 40.Bg2]
37...Ka6 38.Qe7 Black must now prevent c6-c7. **38...Qd2**
[38...Qe1!? 39.Kg3□ *(39.Qxd6? Qxf2+ 40.Kh3 Qg2#)* 39...Qb4=]
39.Kg3 Qb4! (→ ...Qb4-g4+)
[39...Ne4+ 40.Kf4 *(40.Kxf3? Qxf2#)* 40...Nd6 41.Ke5 *(41.Kxf3 Qb4+-)* 41...Qxf2 42.Kxd6+- *(42.Qxd6 Qb2+ 43.Kxf5 Qc3+-)*]
40.Kh2 Hoping for c6-c7.
[40.Kxf3? Qg4#]
40...Qe1 41.Kg3
[41.Qxd6? gets mated. Qxf2+ 42.Kh3 Qg2#]
41...Qb4! 42.Qg7 Dodges Qb4-g4+. Some like it hot
[42.Kxf3? Qg4#]
42...f4+! 43.Kxf3 fxe3 44.fxe3 Qxh4 45.Qd7 Qe4+ 46.Kf2 Qh4+ 47.Ke2 Qh5+ 48.Kd2 Ne4+ 49.Kc1 White wants to mate with Bb3-c4+.
49...Qh1+ 50.Bd1 Nc5 Prevents Qd7-b7+. **51.Qc8+ Kb5?** 3.84/26



[51...Ka7!= 0.00/25 and Black has nothing to worry.]



52.c7? 0.02/21

[52.a4+!+- 3.84/26 Kb4 53.Qg4+ *(53.c7* is a self mate. *Nb3+ 54.Kb2 Qh2+ 55.Kb1 Kc3)* 53...Ka3 54.Qe2]

52...Qc6? 11.11/25

[52...Nd3+= 0.02/21 53.Kd2 Qe1+ 54.Kxd3 Qxd1+ 55.Ke4 Qh1+ 56.Kf4 Qh2+ 57.Kf3 Kc6]

53.Be2++- Kb4 54.Qg4+ Ka3 55.c8Q White mates. **55...Nb3+ 56.Kb1 Qf6**

(Diagram)

57.Qa4+!! Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.34

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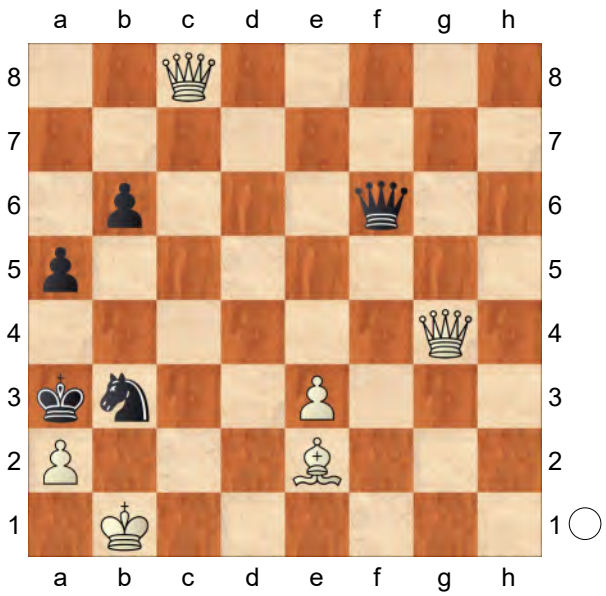


78 **A29**

□ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu 2690**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham 2719**

Budapest Hetenyi Memorial (2) 12.07.23

[Kitty Kat]

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3 Inf 49/(44) **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nb6 7.0-0N**

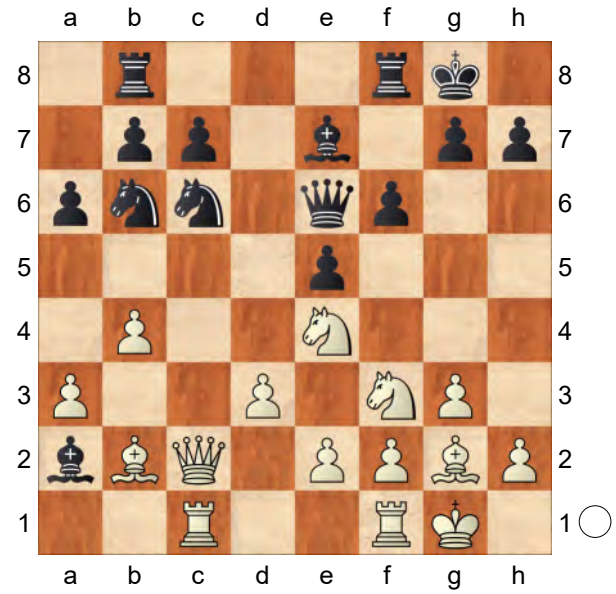
[7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Nd2 *(13.Rd1 Qe8* Smyslov,V (2570)-El Taher,F (2375) Manila (izt) Manila (izt) 49/(44) 1990*)* 13...Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5 A 29/15 2000]

7...Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.b4 Be6 10.d3 f6 11.Ne4 Qd7 was the old line (11...a5). war die alte Variante (11...a5). **12.Rb1 Rab8 13.Bb2 a6 14.Qc2N** White is slightly better.

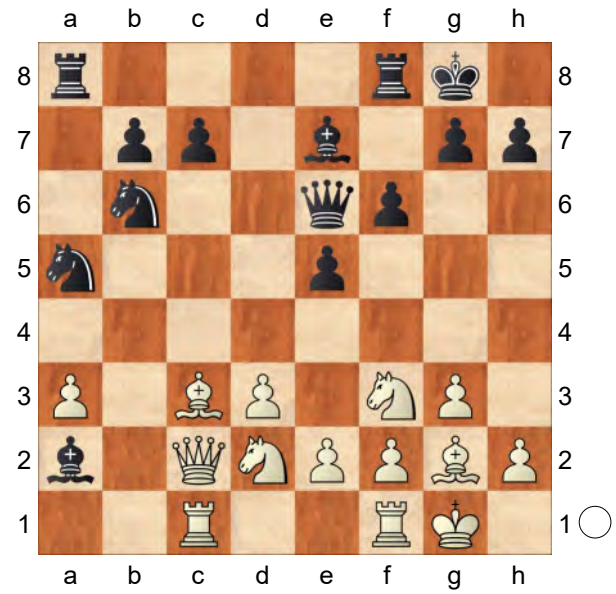
[P r e d e c e s s o r : 14.Re1 Rfd8 ½-½ Bailey,K (2103)-Lewis,A (2066) Uxbridge Fischer 2010 (3)]

14...Ba2 15.Rbc1 Qe6 1.42/20

[15...Bd5± 0.60/18]

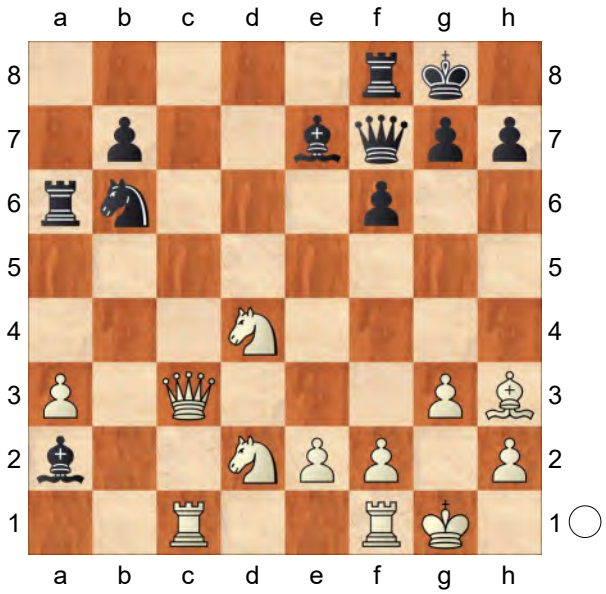


16.Ned2!± a5 17.bxa5 Nxa5 18.Bc3
[18.Qxc7?! Rfc8±]
18...Ra8



19.Bh3! Deflection **19...Qf7 20.Bxa5 Rxa5 21.Qxc7 Bd8 22.Qc3** White is more active. **22...Ra6 23.d4 exd4 24.Nxd4 Be7** 1.99/21
[24...Qe7± 1.52/20 25.Qc5 Qxc5 26.Rxc5 Re8]

(Diagram)



25.Ra1 1.29/18
[25.Rc2!+- 1.99/21 Rc2xa2! would now be deadly. Rxa3 26.Qc7]
25...Na4 1.87/19
[25...Kh8± 1.29/18 was called for. 26.N2b3 Bxb3 27.Nxb3 *(27.Qxb3 Qxb3 28.Nxb3 Bxa3±)* 27...f5]
26.Qc2+- Bc5 2.38/20
[⌓26...Rd8 1.78/21 27.Rxa2 Rxd4]
27.N4b3 Bxb3 28.Nxb3
[28.Qxb3 Rd8±]
28...Ba7 29.Bg2 f5 30.e3 g5 31.Rad1 Bg2-d5 is the strong threat. **31...Kh8 32.Rd5 Rc6 33.Qd2** Threatens to win with Rd5-d7. **33...Rf6 34.Rb5 f4?** 4.47/20
[34...Bb6 2.46/18 is a better defense. 35.Qb4 f4 36.Qxa4 fxe3 37.Rxb6 *(37.Rxg5? too greedy. Rxf2-+)* 37...exf2+ 38.Rxf2 Rxf2 39.Qd4+ *(39.Bxb7 is a self mate. Rg2+* Decoy, Back Rank, Clearance *40.Bxg2 Qf2+ 41.Kh1 Qe1+)* 39...Qg7]
35.Rxb7
[35.Bxb7? loses. fxe3 36.Qa2 Nc3-+ *(36...Rxf2? 37.Qa1+ Nb2 38.Rc1-+; 36...exf2+? 37.Kh1-+)*]

35...fxe3 36.Rxf7 Black got outplayed after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.28 (precise)
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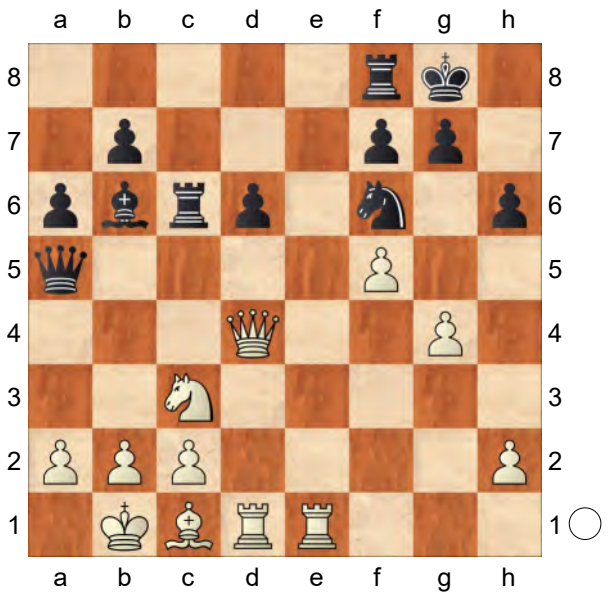
79 **B67**
□ **Najer,Evgeniy** **2648**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
FIDE Grand Swiss (4) 28.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B67: Sicilian: Richter-Rauzer: 7...a6 8 0-0-0 Bd7, lines without 9 f4 Be7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.Kb1**
[9.f3 h6 10.Be3 Be7 11.g4 b5 12.Bd3 b4 13.Nce2 d5 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Nd4 Qc7 16.e5 Nd7 17.f4 Nc5 18.f5 0-0-0 19.Rhf1 Bb7 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Rf7 Rd7 22.Rxg7 Qxe5 23.Rg6 Bf6 0-1 Bruzon Batista,L (2617)-Neiksans,A (2605) CAN Transnational Rapid Toronto 2023 (11)]
9...Nxd4N 0.53/20 now supersedes 9...Be7. seems to push 9...Be7 aside. löst 9...Le7 inzwischen ab. setzt sich inzwischen gegen 9...Le7 durch.
[9...h6= 0.17/18 10.Be3 Qc7 *(10...Be7)* 11.f3 Be7 12.h4 h5 13.Bg5 b5 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Ne2 Rd8 16.Nd4 Bb7 17.Bd3 g6 18.e5 dxe5 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bxg6+ Kf8 21.Bh6+ Kg8 22.Qg5 Ne8 23.Bf7+ Kxf7 24.Qxh5+ 1-0 Chapter Part (2540)-6. ♘f3 g6 7. ♘d2 (2359) 21/277 Wijk aan Zee 1976 (6) Kf6 25.g4 Bd6 26.Bg5+ Kg7 27.Bxd8 Qxd8 28.Qxe5+ Bxe5 29.Rxd8 Bxf3 30.Re1 Rxh4 31.a4 Bf6 32.Rxe8 Bxg4 33.a5 Bf5 34.R8xe6 Rb4 35.Rxa6 Rxb2+ 36.Kc1 Rxc2+ 37.Kd1 Rg2 38.Re8 b4 39.Ra7+ 1-0 Berg,E (2606)-Hommeles,T (2410) Gibraltar Masters 7th 2009 (5) Kh6 40.Ra6 Kg5 41.Rg8+ Bg6 42.Rb6 Kh6 43.Rxf6 1-0 Berg,E (2540)-Mascaro March,P (2359) Soller 2006 (6)]
10.Qxd4± Be7 11.Be2!? Exploring less charted territory. An interesting side line. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **11...Rc8** White is slightly better. The position is equal. **12.f4** Strongly threatening e4-e5.
12...Bc6 13.Bf3 0-0 14.f5N
[Vorgänger: 14.h4 Qc7 15.h5 Black must now prevent h5-h6. h6 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Qxd6 Qa5 18.Qd2 Bxc3! 19.Qxc3 Qxc3 20.bxc3 1-0 Rasulov,V (2391)-Mamedov,N (2607) AZE-ch Baku 2009 (5)]
14...h6N
[Vorgänger: 14...Nxe4!? 15.Nxe4 *(15.Bxe4 Bxg5 16.fxe6 fxe6=)* 15...Bxg5 16.Nxd6 And now f5xe6 would win. *(16.fxe6 fxe6=)* 16...Bxf3! 17.gxf3 Rc7 18.fxe6 fxe6 ½-½ Wahlbom,M (2310)-Astrom,R (2460) SWE-ch Ronneby 1998 (3)]
15.Bc1 exf5 16.exf5 Qa5 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 0.80/19
[17...bxc6= 0.23/24 remains equal. 18.g4 c5 *(18...d5)*]
18.Rhe1!± Bd8 19.g4 Bb6 0.96/20
[19...Qc5± 0.53/19 was preferrable.]

(Diagram)

20.Qd3! Bf2 1.76/20
[20...Rfc8± 1.27/21]
21.Re7+- Bh4 1.70/17



[21...Rfc8± 1.29/18]

22.Rxb7 Re8 23.h3 Qe5

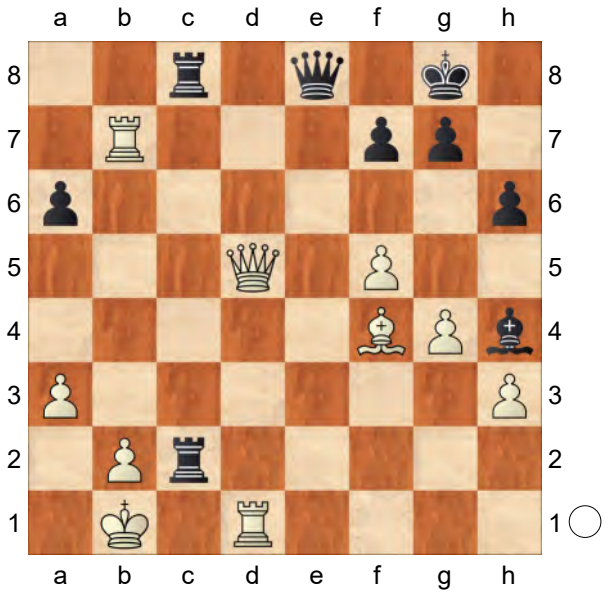
Dodges Bc1-f4 **24.a3→** White is out for blood. **24...Rec8** 1.79/20

[24...Qh2± 1.33/20 25.Rb4 Qg2]

25.Rb4 d5 26.Bf4→ White wants a kill. **26...Qe7 27.Nxd5** 1.13/22

[Better is 27.Qe3+- 1.63/18 Qf8 28.Rd3 *(28.Nxd5 Nxd5 29.Rxd5 Rxc2±)*]

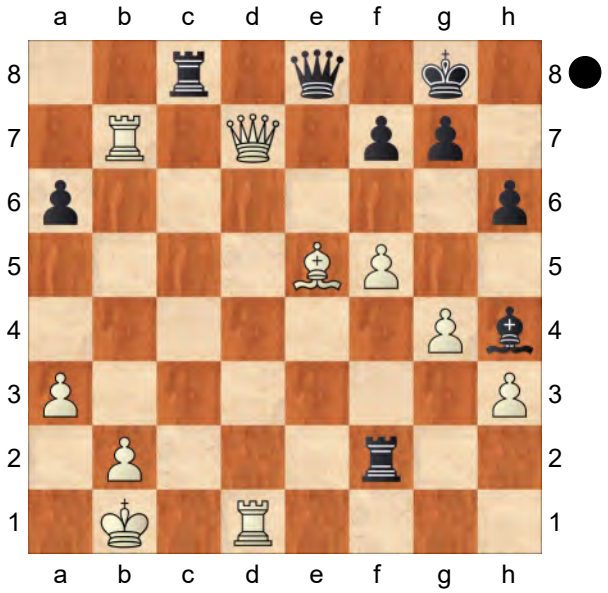
27...Nxd5 28.Qxd5 Rxc2 29.Rb7 Qe8



30.Qd7! Hoping for Qd7xe8+. Some like it hot Really sharp! **30...Rf2 31.Be5**

Deflection. Active counter play!

[31.Bd2 simplifies Qxd7 32.Rxd7 Bf6 33.Rd3]



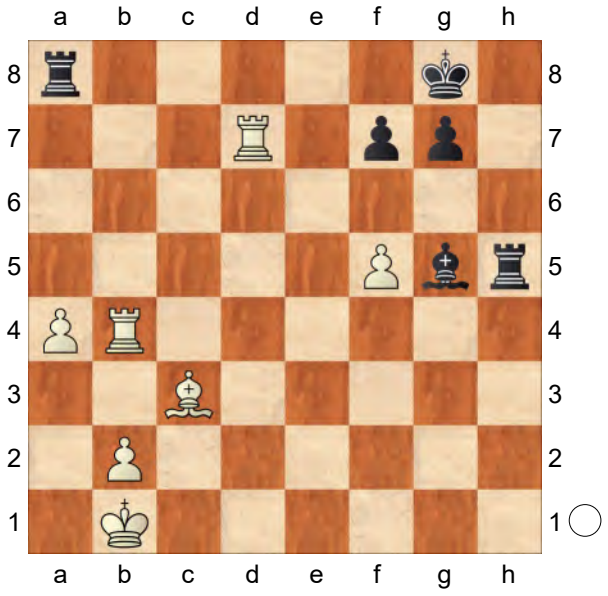
Deflection. Active counter play! **31...a5** 2.90/22

[31...Rf3± 1.91/19 was necessary. 32.a4 Rxh3]

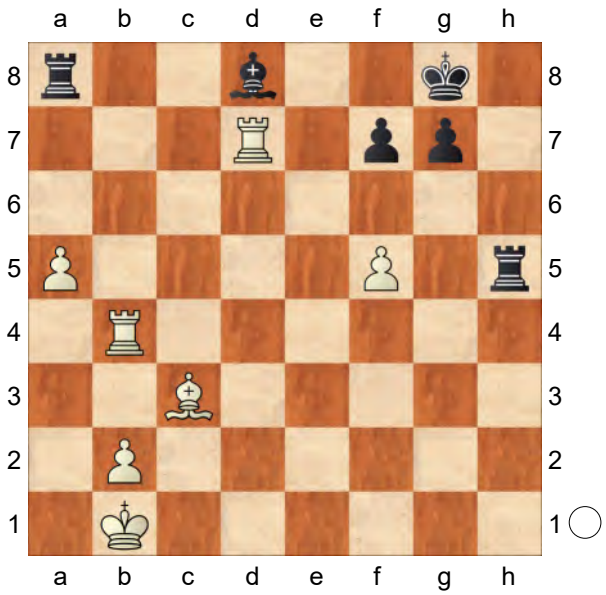
32.Qxe8+ Rxe8 33.Bc3 a4 2.68/22

[⌓33...Bf6 1.77/21]

34.Ra7 Rh2 35.Rxa4 Rxh3 36.Rb4 Ra8 37.a4 h5 38.gxh5 Bg5 39.Rd7 Rxh5



40.a5! Bd8
[40...Be3 41.Rb5]

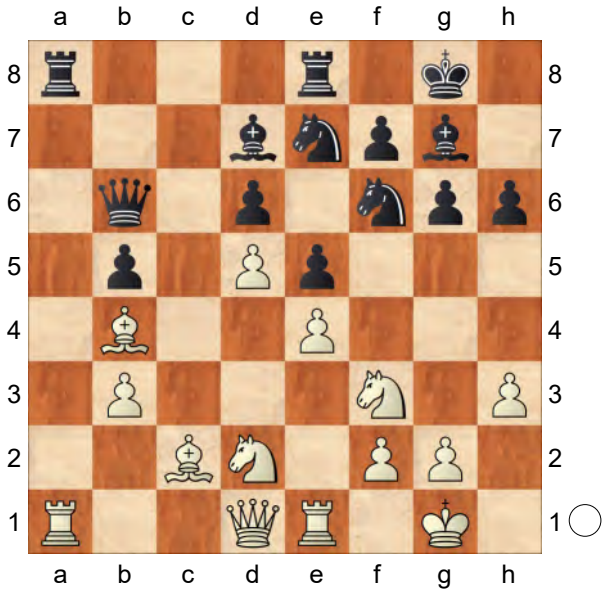


41.a6 a6-a7 would now be deadly.
41...Ba5 42.Rb5
[42.Ra4 Bxc3 43.bxc3 Rxf5]
42...Rh1+ 43.Ka2 Bxc3 44.a7 Kh7? 6.23/23
[44...Rxa7+ 3.71/17 45.Rxa7 Bf6 46.Rb8+ Deflection Kh7 47.Rxf7 Rf1]
45.bxc3+- Endgame. KRR-KRR. White is clearly winning. **45...Rh2+ 46.Kb3 Rh1 47.Rbb7 Rb1+** 8.23/22
[⌓47...Kh6 4.52/19 48.Rxf7 Kg5]
48.Kc4 Rxb7 49.Rxb7 g5 50.fxg6+ Kxg6 51.Kb5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.33 Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

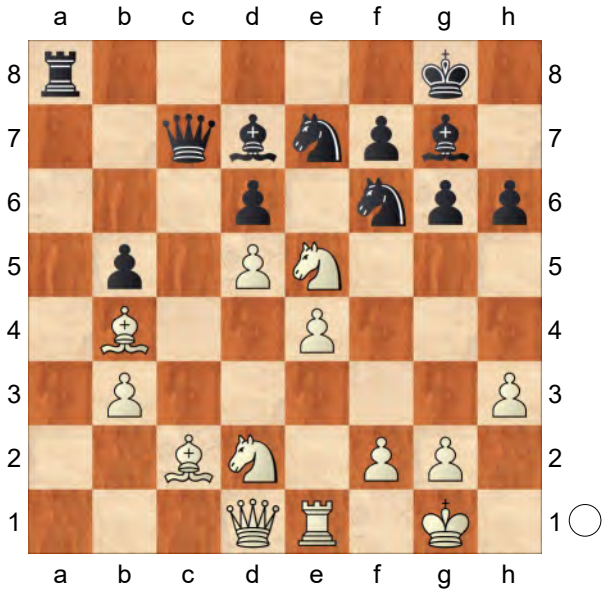
80 **C84**
□ **Suleymanli,Aydin Elshan** **2609**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
Wch Blitz Samarkand (7) 29.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C84: Closed Ruy Lopez: Unusual White 6th moves [One of eight games played at Manningham in 1871.] **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 h6N**
[9...d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Qe2 Bf6 12.Be3 Bf5 13.Bc2 Re8 14.Nbd2 Bg6 15.Rfe1 Be7 16.Nf1 f5 17.Rad1 f4 18.Bc1 Bc5 19.N1d2 b4 20.Ba4 Qf6 21.Ne4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4 Red8 23.Qc4 1-0 Blackburne,J-NN blindfold Manningham 1871]
[9...Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 *(12.Re1 Kh8 13.d5 Bd7 14.b3 Ne8 15.Nbd2 g6 16.Nf1 Ng7 17.Bh6 Nb7 18.g4 f6 19.Ng3 Nd8 20.Kg2 Qc8 21.Nh2 Nf7 22.Be3 a5 23.Qd3 Rb8 24.Rab1 Bd8 25.f4 exf4 26.Bxf4 Ne5* 0-1 Juilfs,G (2595)-Ibd7 (2684) Cap d'Agde-A rapid 2003 (1) *)* 12...Nc4 13.b3 Nb6 14.a4 *(14.Be3 Bd7 15.Nbd2 c4 16.Qe2 Rfc8 17.Rfc1 Be8 18.Nf1 Nfd7 19.b4 a5 20.a3 Ra6 21.Bd2 Rca8 22.Rab1 axb4 23.axb4 Ra2 24.Ne3 g6 25.h4 Nf6 26.g3 R8a3 27.Qe1 Qa7 28.Nh2 Bd7* Dominguez Perez,L (2602)-Ibarra Padron,J (2146) Guines (rapid) 87/(238) 2003*)* 14...c4 15.axb5 axb5 16.Rxa8 Nxa8 17.bxc4 bxc4 18.Ba3 Nd7 19.Bb4 Nc5 20.Qe2 Nb6 21.Nbd2 f5 22.Rd1 g6 23.Qe3 f4 24.Qe2 0-1 Firouzja,A (2777)-Carlsen,M (2835) Bullet Chess Winners Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (3.12)]
10.a4!? next a4xb5 is good for White.

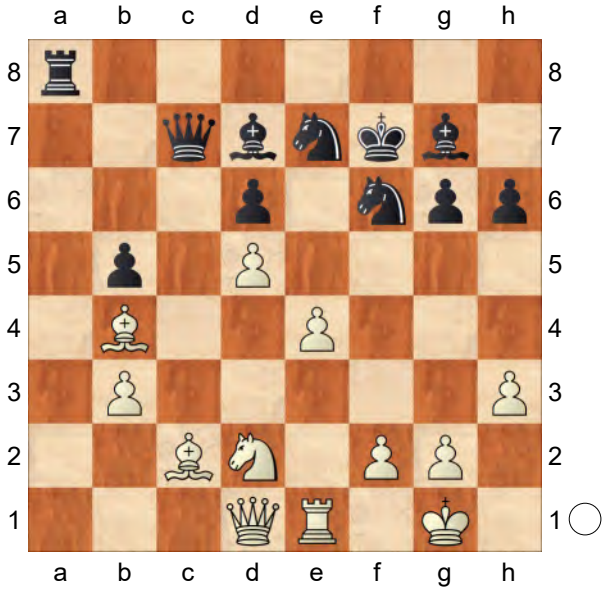
Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.
10...Bd7 11.Bc2 The position is equal.
11...Re8 12.Re1 Bf8 13.Nbd2 Ne7 14.d4 Nc6 15.d5 Ne7 16.b3 c6N
[Vorgänger: 16...c5 17.c4 b4 18.Nf1 a5 19.Ng3 Qc8 20.Kh2 Nh7 21.Nh4 Ra7 22.Nhf5 Nxf5 23.Nxf5 0.20/19 *(23.exf5± 0.73/21 Be7 24.f4)* 23...f6 1.48/19 *(23...Ng5= 0.20/19)* 24.h4 Bxf5 2.06/19 *(24...g6± 1.35/18 was worth a try.)* 25.exf5 1-0 Lopez Perez,A (1744)-Miramon Borragan,G (1540) Benidorm FEDC op 16th 2016 (2.8)]
17.c4 g6 0.73/17
[17...bxa4= 0.22/18 18.bxa4 Qa5]
18.Ba3 cxd5 1.08/19
[18...Qc7± 0.64/18]
19.cxd5 0.67/17
[19.Bxd6± 1.08/19 Hoping for a4xb5. dxc4 20.bxc4 *(20.Bxe5 Nc6±)*]
19...Qb6 20.axb5 0.15/20
[20.Nf1± 0.77/17]
20...axb5= 21.Bb4 Bg7 1.37/20
[21...Rxa1= 0.07/19 keeps the balance. 22.Qxa1 g5]



22.Rxa8!± Rxa8 23.Nxe5 Pin **23...Qc7** 1.96/20
[23...dxe5± 1.14/19 24.Bxe7 Re8]



24.Nxf7!+- Kxf7

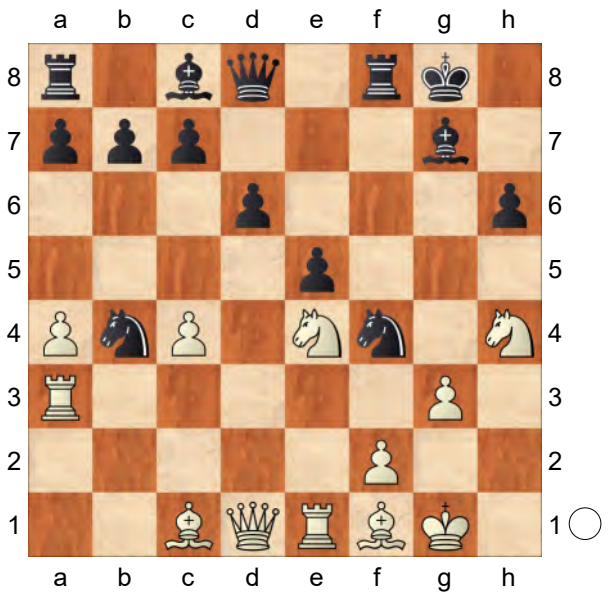


25.e5! Nfxd5
[25...dxe5? too greedy. 26.d6 Qc8 27.dxe7+-]
[25...Bf5 26.Bxf5]
26.exd6 Qb6 7.45/20
[26...Qc8 1.65/20]
27.dxe7 Re8 28.Qf3+ Nf6 29.Ne4 Bc6 30.Nd6+ Kg8 31.Qe3 Qxe3

32.Rxe3 Nd5 33.Nxe8 Nxe3 34.fxe3 Bxe8 Endgame. KBB-KBB **35.Be4 Be5 36.Bd5+ Kg7 37.Bc5 Kf6 38.b4 Bg3 39.Kf1 Ke5 40.Bb3 g5 41.Ke2 Kf6?** 4.81/24
[41...Bh5+ 2.86/27 42.Kd2 Be8]
42.Bd5 2.83/27
[⌓42.Kf3 4.81/24 Be1 43.Ke4]
42...Ke5 43.e4 Kf6 44.Kd3 Bc7 45.Ke3 Bf4+ 46.Kd4? 0.01/24
[46.Kf2+- 2.73/30]
46...Be5+!= 47.Kd3 Threatens to win with Bc5-d4. **47...Bc7!** Loses the game. **48.Kc2 Bf4 49.Bg8 Bc7 50.Bh7 Bf4 51.Bf5 Bc7 52.Kd3 Bf4 53.Kd4 Bc6 54.Bg4 Be5+ 55.Kd3 Be8** 5.51/26 Against Bg4-h5
[55...Kg6 2.62/28 56.Bd4 Bd6]
56.Bd4+- h5 57.Bxe5+ Kxe5 KB-KB **58.Be2 h4 59.Ke3 Kd6 60.Kd4** Black must now prevent e4-e5+. **60...Kxe7 61.Kc5** Dodges Be8-c6 **61...Bg6 62.Bd3 Ke6 63.Kxb5 Ke5 64.Kc5 Be8 65.b5 Bxb5 66.Kxb5** Threatening mate with Kb5-c4. **66...Kd4 67.Bb1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.47/Black=0.32
1-0

81 **E97**
□ **Donchenko,Alexander** **2668**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
FIDE World Cup (3.2) 06.08.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E97: King's Indian: Classical Main Line (6...e5 7 0-0 Nc6): 8 Be3 and 8 d5 Ne7, not 9 Ne1 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.b4!** now scores much better than the old 9.Bc4. punktet besser als das ältere 9.Lc4. **9...Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.a4**
[11.Ng5]
11...Nf4
[11...Nf6 12.a5 h6 *(12...Nxe4 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.Ng5 e3 15.Bxe3 Nf5* ...Nf5xe3 would now be deadly. *16.Bd2 Bh6 17.Qc1)* 13.exf5 0.35/19 *(*Better is *13.Nd2±* 1.05/19 *)* 13...Bxf5 1.12/21 *(13...Nxf5±* 0.35/19 *14.Nd2 e4)* 14.Ra2 g5 15.h3 Qe8 16.Nh2 a6 17.Ng4]
[11...a5 12.bxa5 Rxa5 13.Ra3 *(13.Ng5)*]
12.Bf1N fxe4
[12...h6]
13.Nxe4 White is better. **13...h6N**
[13...Bg4 14.Ra3! a5 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.h3 Bf5 *(16...Bxf3 17.Rxf3 Qd7 18.g3 Nh5 19.Rxf8+ Kxf8 20.g4 Nf4 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.Qd2 Rxa4 23.Qxf4+ Kg8 24.Nf6+ Bxf6 25.Qxf6 Nc8 26.Re6* #5 2) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.a4-11.a4 Nf4 12.Bf1 fxe4*; 16...Bc8 17.Bd2 Ra8 18.c5 dxc5 19.Bc4 Nfxd5 20.Nxc5 Kh8 21.Qc1 c6 22.Bh6 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 Nf5 24.Qc1* #6 2) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.a4-11.a4 Nf4 12.Bf1 fxe4*)* 17.Bd2 Ra8 18.a5 h6 19.Nh4 Bc8 20.g3 g5 21.gxf4 gxh4 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Bb4 #7 2) 9.b4 Nh5 10.Re1 f5 11.a4-11.a4 Nf4 12.Bf1 fxe4]
14.Ra3
[14.a5]
14...g5 15.h4
[15.g3 Nh3+ 2.13/19 *(15...Nfg6±* 1.40/19 was necessary. *16.a5 Bf5)* 16.Bxh3+- Bxh3 17.Nfxg5! hxg5 3.23/19 *(⌓17...Bd7* 2.14/23 *)* 18.g4!]
15...gxh4 16.Nxh4 Nexd5 17.Ng6 0.83/22
[17.g3 1.05/19 17.c4xd5 1.60 Nxb4
(Diagram)



18.Bxf4! exf4 19.Ng6 Prevents f4xg3 Re8 20.Nxf4]
[17.cxd5 Qxh4 18.g3! Nh3+ 19.Kh2 Qxe4 20.Rxe4 Nxf2 21.Qc2! Nxe4 22.Be2! Ng5 23.Bxg5! Bf5 *(23...hxg5 3.10/18 23...Bc8-f5 2.18 24.Rf3!)* 24.Qxc7 hxg5 25.Qxd6]
[17.cxd5+- 1.62/24 aiming for g2-g3. Qxh4 18.g3 *(18.Rg3 Bf5=)* 18...Nh3+ Deflection 19.Kh2 Qxe4 Decoy 20.Rxe4 Nxf2 21.Qc2 Nxe4 22.Be2 *(22.Bg2 Nf6±)*]

17...Nxg6 18.Qxd5+
[18.cxd5 Qd7=]

18...Kh8

(Diagram)

19.c5! White has strong compensation.

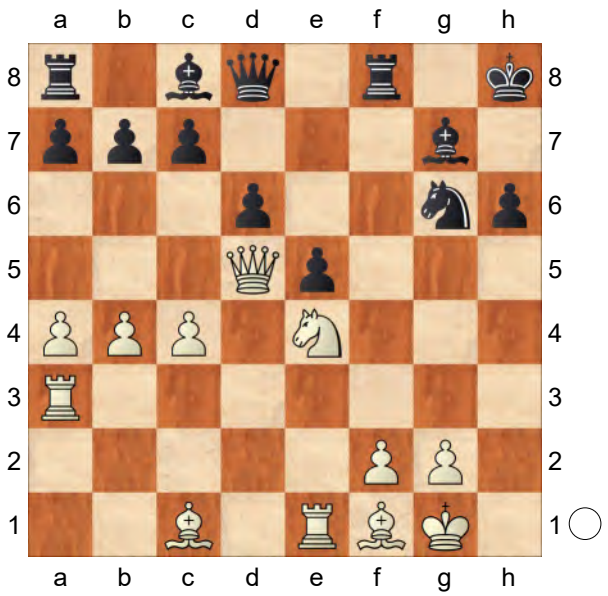
19...Ne7
[19...dxc5 20.Qxc5 b6 21.Qc6 Bf5 22.Ng3]

20.Qd1 White is much more active.

20...d5 1.59/20
[Black should play 20...Be6 1.13/20]

21.Ng3± e4 2.09/19
[21...Kh7 1.70/19 was called for.]

22.Nh5+- Black must now prevent



Nh5xg7. **22...Nf5 23.Nxg7 Kxg7 24.Rh3** Hoping for g2-g4. **24...Be6 25.f3** 1.81/19
[25.g4 Nh4 And now ...Nh4-f3+ would win. 26.Qd2 Rh8 *(26...Qf6?* 6.67/23 26...Rf8-g8 2.89 *27.Bb2)* 27.Bb2+]
[⌓25.g4 3.12/22 Nh4 26.Qd2]

25...Kh7? 3.32/19
[25...Kg8 1.81/19 26.Bxh6 *(26.fxe4 dxe4 27.Qh5 Qd4+ 28.Be3 Qf6=)* 26...Rf7 27.fxe4 dxe4]

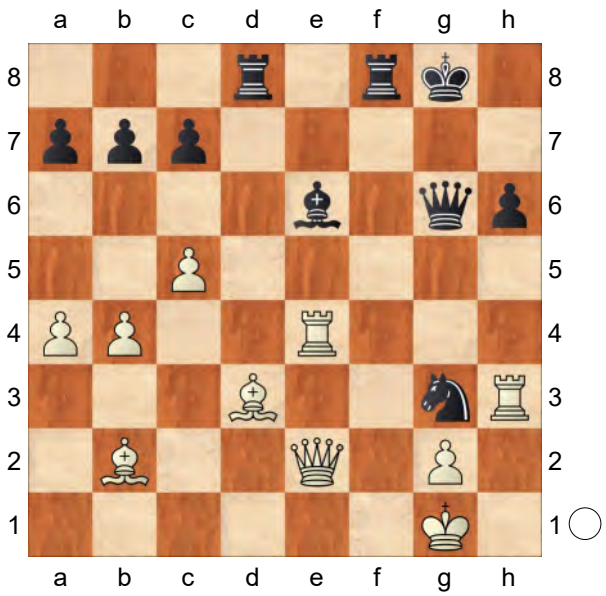
26.Qd2
[But not 26.fxe4?! Nh4+-]

26...Qf6 27.fxe4 dxe4 28.Rxe4 Rad8 29.Bd3 Kg8 30.Bb2 Qg6 31.Qe2
[31.Qc3]

31...Ng3

(Diagram)

32.Rxg3 Qxg3 33.Re3 Qg4 34.Rxe6 Qxe2 35.Bxe2 This pair of bishops is nice. **35...Rd2 36.Bc3** White is clearly winning. **36...Rc2 37.Rg6+ Kh7 38.Rg7+ Kh8 39.Rg3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.36. An unexpected result.



[Less strong is 39.Rxc7+ Rxc3 40.Rxb7 h5+-]

½-½

82 **D35**

□ **Donchenko,Alexander** **2668**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

FIDE World Cup (3.2) 06.08.2023

[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.Rb1 Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.h4!** now scores much better than the old 9. Bc4. punktet besser als das ältere 9.Lc4.

9...b6N White is slightly better.

[9...Nd7 10.e5 cxd4 11.cxd4 b6 12.Bd3 h6 13.Rh3 Kh8 14.Bxh6 f5 15.Bf4 Qe8 16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.hxg5+ Kg8 18.g4 g6 19.gxf5 exf5 20.Qf3 Rb8 21.Bc4+ Kg7 22.Rh7+ Kxh7 1-0 13.f4 ♗g7 14.0-0 e6_13114 (2645)-Probsthain,H (2558) 103/40 Belgrad 2008 (5)]

[9...cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.h5 f5 12.exf5 Qa5+ 13.Bd2 Qxf5 14.Bc3 h6 15.Bd3 Qg4 16.Kf1 e5 17.d5 e4 18.dxc6 exf3 19.gxf3 Rxf3 20.Be2 Rxf2+ 21.Kxf2 Bc5+ 22.Kf1 Qf4+ 23.Bf3 bxc6 24.Be1 1-0 10.♗a3 b6 11.ba5 ♘h5_7469 (2763)-Hantel,T (2800) W-ch22 q03 corr ICCF email 2003 (9) Be6 25.Bh4 Rf8 26.Kg2 Kh8 27.Rc1 Rf5 28.Rc3 Rd5 29.Bxd5 Bxd5+ 30.Rf3 Qg4+ 31.Bg3 Bd6 32.Rh3 Be7 33.Qe2 Be4 34.Qf2 a5 35.a4 c5 36.Rh1 Bf6 37.Re1 Bc6 38.Ree3 c4 39.Qe2 2 Chapter Openings-Games Chapter Openings (5) Game]

10.h5! h6 11.Rh3! Nd7 12.Rg3N

[Vorgänger: 12.Bd3 cxd4! 13.cxd4 e5! 14.Rg3 Kh8 15.Bb2 exd4 16.Bxd4 Bf6 0.46/22 *(Better is 16...Nf6=* -0.20/24 *17.Qd2 Bb7)* 17.e5± Re8 18.Be2 ½-½ Petkov,M (2512)-Ghimpu,S (2465) Jupiter FISCA 2023 (1)]

12...Kh8 13.Qd2 Rg8

[13...cxd4 with more complications. 14.Rxg7 Kxg7 15.Qxh6+ Kg8]

14.Qf4 Qf8 15.e5 Bb7 Wards off Qf4-e4 **16.Bd3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rc8 18.Kf1 Rc3 19.Qd2 Qc8 20.Kg1! Nf8 21.Bb2 Rc7 22.Re1 Bd5 23.a3 Nh7 24.Bb1 Qa6! 25.Qf4 Qb5!**

[25...Bxa3? 26.Bxh7 Kxh7 27.Ra1+-]

26.Qd2 Rgc8 27.Kh2 Nf8 -0.05/21

[27...a5∓ -0.55/19]

28.Bd3→ White attacks. **28...Qa5 29.Qe3 Nh7 30.Bc1 Rg8** 0.10/19

[30...Bxa3 31.Bd2 *(31.Rxg7 f5+-)* 31...Bb4 32.Rxg7+-]

[⌓30...Ng5! -0.28/18]

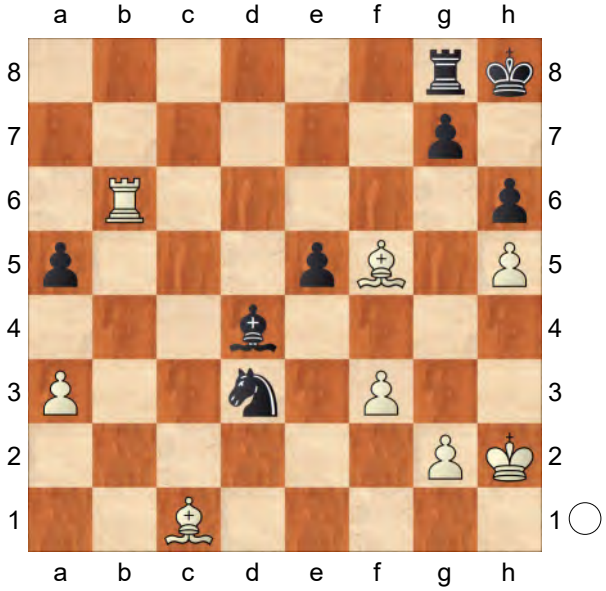
31.Bb1 Bxf3 0.58/21

[31...Qa4= 0.10/19]

32.Rxf3± Bg5! 33.Qd3 Nf8 1.29/23

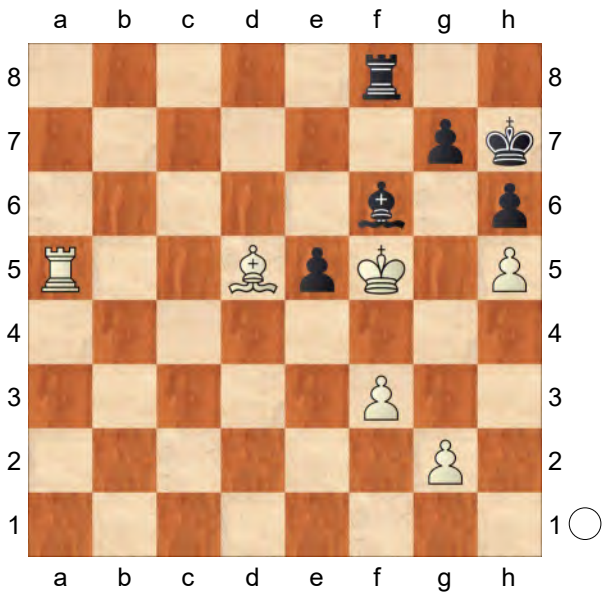
[33...f5!± 0.55/22 34.exf6 Discovered

Attack gxf6 *(34...Rxc1 35.Qxh7#; 34...Nxf6? 35.Re5+-)* 35.Bxg5 Qxg5]
34.Qf1± f5 35.exf6 0.70/21
[White should try 35.Rd3± 1.20/20]
35...Bxf6± 36.Bf4 Rc3 37.Rxc3 Qxc3 38.Qe2 Bxd4 39.Rc1 Qb2 40.Qxb2 Bxb2 41.Rc7 a5 42.Rb7 White has strong compensation. **42...Bd4 43.f3** 0.32/20 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[43.Kg3± 0.85/19]
43...e5 44.Bc1 Bb1-a2 would now be deadly. **44...Ne6 45.Bf5 Nc5 46.Rxb6** And now Rb6-b5 would win. **46...Nd3**



Discovered Attack **47.Rc6**
[47.Bxd3? too greedy. Bxb6 48.Bb5 Rd8-+]
47...Nxc1 48.Rxc1= Endgame. KRB-KRB **48...Bb2 49.Rc5 Bxa3 50.Rxa5**
[50.Rxe5? is the wrong capture. Bd6 51.f4 Bxe5 52.fxe5 Re8-+]
50...Be7 51.Kh3
[Reject 51.Rxe5 Bd6 52.f4 Bxe5 53.fxe5 Re8∓]
51...Bf6 52.Kg4 Rd8 53.Be4 Kg8 54.Kf5 Rf8 55.Bd5+ Kh7

(Diagram)



Hoping for ...Bf6-d8+. **56.Ra7 Rd8 57.Be4 Rf8 58.Rb7 Kh8 59.Bd5 Kh7 60.Bf7 Rd8 61.g4 Rf8** The position is equal. **62.Ke6 Kh8 63.Bg6 Kg8 64.Ra7 Kh8 65.Ra6 Kg8 66.Kd7 Rd8+ 67.Kc7** Black must now prevent Ra6xf6! **67...Rf8 68.Re6 Kh8 69.Be8 Kg8 70.Kd6 Kh8 71.Kd5 Kg8 72.Ke4 Kh8 73.Bg6 Kg8 74.Rb6 Kh8 75.Rb7 Kg8 76.Bf5 Kh8 77.Be6 Kh7 78.Kf5 Rd8 79.Bf7 Rf8 80.Ra7 Rd8 81.Ra6 Rb8 82.Re6 Rd8 83.Rb6 Rc8 84.Bd5 Rd8 85.Be4 Rf8 86.Rb7 Kh8 87.Bd5 Kh7 88.Be6 Rd8 89.Bd7 Rf8 90.Ba4 Kh8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

83 **A29**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Sadhwani,Raunak** **2641**
FIDE Grand Swiss (5) 29.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3 **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Bb4 5.Nd5 e4 6.Nh4**

David Cummings,MH: 'One of the sharpest lines in the Reversed Rossolimo.' **6...0-0**

[6...d6 7.a3 Bc5 8.Bg2 Ng4 9.e3 g5 10.b4 Bb6 11.Bb2 0-0 12.h3 Nge5 13.Bxe4 f5 14.Bc2 gxh4 15.Rg1 Be6 16.f4 Abdullah Al,R (2608)-9.f3 c6 10. ♘b3_69217 (2613) (zt) 118/(155) Doha 2013]

7.a3N David Cummings,MH: 'A rare move in this specific position, forcing Black to choose a square for the bishop. Instead:' Leaves trodden paths. David Cummings,MH: 'Exploring less charted territory.' Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. David Cummings,MH: 'Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain.'

[7.Bg2 David Cummings,MH: 'has been played in the vast majority of games.'

A) 7...d6 David Cummings,MH: 'and now:. aiming for ...g7-g5.'

A1) 8.a3 is less common here as well. Now:

A1a) 8...Bc5 9.0-0 Re8 *(9...g5?* 1.37/21 9...Rf8-e8 0.00 is well met by *10.d4)* 10.e3 *(10.b4 Bd4 11.Rb1 Be6 12.e3 Be5 13.f4 exf3 14.Nxf3 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Bxd5 16.Qc2 g6 17.b5 Na5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Qxc7 b6 21.Qc2 Rac8 22.Qd1 Nc4 23.Qe2 Red8 24.Rb4 Qd3* 3 Chapter A25-Games Chapter A25 Game*)* 10...g5! 11.b4! is covered in Nakamura-Anand in the Archives;

A1b) 8...Ba5 also works, in contrast to the main game, where the bishop is played here a move earlier. Threatening ...g7-g5. 9.b4 Bb6! 10.Bb2 Bd4 11.Bxd4 Nxd4 12.e3! Nf5 and Black is fine.;

A2) 8.Nxb4 avoids the sharp piece sacrifice, and now Nxb4 9.a3 Na6 10.d3 is the subject of Navara-Keymer in the Archives.;

A3) 8.0-0 -0.25/22 David Cummings,MH: '8.Nd5xb4 0.15 is the current mainline. Now' 8...g5 9.d4 David Cummings, MH: '!' *(9.a3?* -1.40/21 9.d2-d4 -0.25 mixes up the move order *Ba5! 10.d3 Nxd5 11.cxd5 Nb8! 12.dxe4 gxh4* led to a win for Black in Nakamura,H (2787)-Praggnanandhaa,R (2690) Baku 2023 0-1 (33)*)* 9...h6 David Cummings,MH: '!' 10.Bh1 *(10.Ne3 gxh4 11.a3 Ba5 12.b4! Bb6 13.c5!* which is analyzed in Caruana-Esipenko in the Archives*)* 10...gxh4 11.Bxh6 Nxd5 12.cxd5 Ne7 13.Qa4 Nf5 14.Bxf8 Bd2 15.Bxd6 Nxd6 16.e3 Qg5 17.Qc2 hxg3 18.hxg3 Ba5 19.Bxe4 Bg4 20.Bg2 Kg7 21.e4 Rh8 22.f4 0-1 Nakada,A (2260)-4. ♗g5 d6 5. ♗xf6 exf6 (2470) Survey Opening 1997 Qg6 23.a4 Bb6 24.Qd3 f5 0-1 Nakada,A (2260)-4. ♗g5 d6 5. ♗xf6 exf6 (2470) Survey Opening 1997;

B) 7...Re8 8.0-0

B1) 8...Bc5 9.d3 exd3 10.Qxd3 Ne5 11.Qc2 c6 12.Be3 cxd5 *(12...d6 13.Bxc5 dxc5 14.Ne3 Neg4 15.Nef5 g6 16.Rad1 Bxf5 17.Nxf5 Qc7 18.Nh4 Rad8 19.h3 Ne5 20.Qc3* Adorjan,A-

Kaiszauri,K Reykjavik 33/(42) 1982) 13.Bxc5 d6 14.Bd4 dxc4 15.Rad1 d5 16.e4 Bg4 17.f3 Bd7 18.exd5 b5 Lautier,J (2675)-Kasparov,G (2838) (m/1-rapid) 85/16 Moscow 2002;

B2) 8...d6 9.a3 Bc5 10.b4 Bd4 11.Rb1 Be6 12.e3 Be5 13.f4 exf3 14.Nxf3 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Bxd5 16.Qc2 g6 17.b5 Na5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Qxc7 b6 21.Qc2 Rac8 3 Chapter A25-Games Chapter A25 Game]

7...Ba5N 0.48/20 David Cummings,MH: 'Already a slight inaccuracy. Perhaps Black was confused by the tweaked move order with 7 a3. Black should prefer one of the alternatives:'

[Vorgänger: 7...Bc5 0.00/24 David Cummings,MH: '=' 'when:' 8.Nf5 -1.08/21 David Cummings,MH: '?!' *(8.Bg2=* 0.00/23 David Cummings,MH: ' remains equal.' *d6 9.0-0* transposes to Nakamura-Anand (see the note to White's 7th move above)) 8...Ne5 ...c7-c6 is the strong threat.* David Cummings,MH: '∓'

A) 9.f4∓ -0.86/20 Nxc4 *(9...exf3! 10.d4 Nxd5 11.cxd5 d6!* also favours Black *)* 10.Qc2;

B) 9.b4∓ -1.08/20 Nxd5 10.bxc5;

C) 9.Nfe3 -1.75/20 9...c6-+ 10.Nxf6+ Qxf6 11.Bg2 Nxc4! David Cummings,MH: 'and Black won a clean pawn in Cuadras Avellana,J (2282)-Riff,J (2489) Castell de Sant Ferran 2017 0-1 (50)' 12.0-0 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Qe7 0-1 Cuadras Avellana,J (2282)-Riff,J (2489) Miquel Mas op-A 18th Castell de Sant Ferran 2017 (2)]

[7...Bc5= 0.00/23]

[7...Be7 8.Nf5 Nxd5 0.53/20 *(8...Bc5=* -0.04/22 *)* 9.cxd5± d6! *(9...Ne5?* 1.39/21 9...d7-d6 0.42 Hetul,S (1815)-Rihan,S Nagpur 2008 1-0 (32) 1-0 (32) can be met by *10.Bg2* winning the e4-pawn*)* 10.Nh6+! gxh6 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Bg2 d5 13.d3 exd3 14.Qxd3 with roughly balanced chances]

8.b4± 8 White is slightly better. David Cummings,MH: ' ±!' David Cummings,MH: 'White gains extra space for free, since Black does not have ..Bc5-d4 available, which would be the case after 7...Bc5 b4. White is slightly better.' **8...Bb6 9.Bb2** And now Nd5xf6+ would win. **9...Bd4 10.Bxd4 Nxd4 11.e3 Nc6 12.Bg2 Ne5** White must now prevent ...Nf6xd5. David Cummings,MH: 'Alternatively:'

[12...Re8 13.0-0 Black must now prevent Qd1-c2. d6 ...g7-g5 would now be deadly. 14.f3! gives White a slight edge due to upcoming control of the f-file]

13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Bxe4 Nxc4 15.0-0 Nd6 16.Bg2 David Cummings,MH: 'White's central pawn majority give him the more pleasant game.' **16...Nf5** 0.76/21 David Cummings,MH: 'Black wants to free the d-pawn in order to complete development, but at the same time, trading knights seems to help White more than Black. Instead:'

[16...c6± 0.40/20]

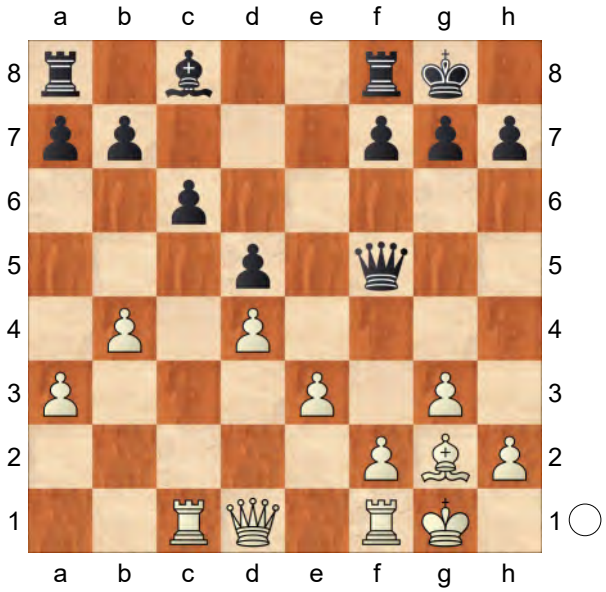
[16...a5 aims to create queenside counterplay. A sample line runs 17.Qb1 c6 18.Nf3 Re8 19.Rc1 axb4 20.Qxb4 Ne4 21.d3 Ng5! 22.Nd2 d5 23.h4! Ne6 24.a4 when White is slightly for choice, although Black remains solid.]

17.Nxf5± Qxf5 18.d4 d5 19.Rc1

David Cummings,MH: 'White is aiming for a minority attack on the queenside. Another, perhaps more efficient, move order would be:'

[19.b5 Bd7 20.Rb1 c6 21.bxc6 bxc6 0.91/18 *(21...Bxc6* leaves the bishop passively placed*; 21...Bxc6±* 0.55/19 *22.h4 Rfd8)* 22.Rb7 and White is pressing.]

19...c6 David Cummings,MH: '



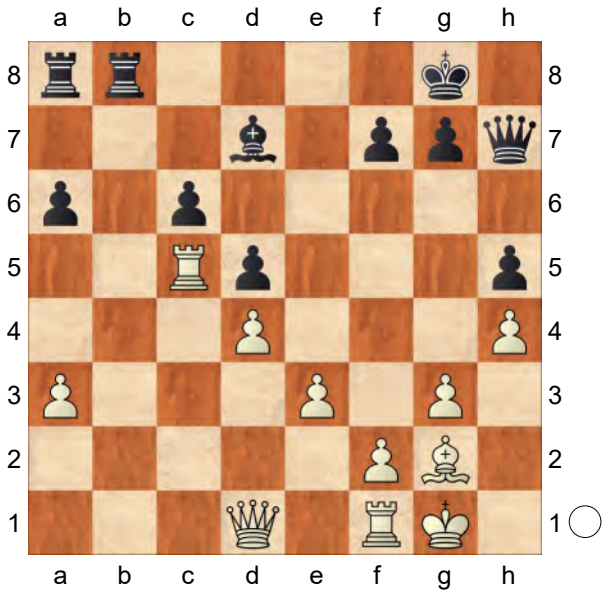
' **20.b5** David Cummings,MH: '!' **20...Bd7 21.Qb3 h5** David Cummings,MH: 'Naturally trying for counterplay, although ironically, the h5-pawn becomes a weak point.' **22.h4 a6 23.bxc6 bxc6 24.Rc5 Rfb8 25.Qd1 Qh7** 0.92/20

[Black should play 25...Qg6± 0.40/21 26.Bf3 *(26.e4 dxe4 27.Rg5* can be met by *Bg4)* 26...Bg4 and Black remains well in the game]

[25...Rb2± 0.42/24]

(Diagram)

David Cummings,MH: '?!' David Cummings,MH: '[#] A strangely passive



choice for posting the queen. After:' **26.e4!** David Cummings,MH: 'An alert response, taking advantage of the loose h5-pawn.' **26...Bg4** David Cummings,MH: 'Or:'

[26...dxe4 1.31/19 26...Bd7-g4 0.92 27.Rxh5 Qg6 28.Rg5! Dodges Bd7-g4 Qf6 29.Bxe4 and White is simply a pawn up.]

27.f3 0.34/18 David Cummings,MH: 'Loosening White's kingside. Instead:'

[27.Qc2± 1.00/20 David Cummings,MH: 'maintains control, the c6-pawn will soon fall.']

27...Bd7± 28.exd5 Qg6 29.dxc6 Bxc6 30.Kh2↑ White has some pressure. **30...Rb5 31.Qc1 Bb7** David Cummings,MH: 'After:'

[31...Rxc5 32.dxc5 Threatens to win with Rf1-d1. Re8 Black is only slightly worse, in view of White's somewhat weakened king's cover.]

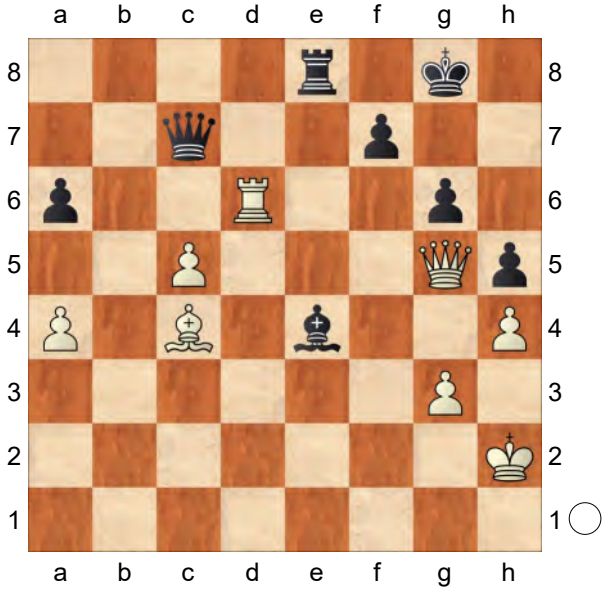
32.Rd1 Qd6 33.a4! Rxc5 34.dxc5

[34.Qxc5 Qd7±]

34...Qc7 David Cummings,MH: 'Black is much more passively placed than in the previous note.' **35.Qg5** 0.74/19

[⌓35.a5 1.20/21]

35...g6? 2.52/21 This move loses the game for Black. David Cummings,MH: ' Black cannot hold the game after this.'
[35...Rc8± 0.74/19 David Cummings, MH: ' was called for.']
36.Rd6+- David Cummings,MH: 'Now White can start switching to attack.'
36...Re8 David Cummings,MH: 'Or:'
[36...Rc8 37.Qe5 Hoping for Bg2-h3. Kh7 38.Qf6 and Black is tied down.]
37.Bf1 Bxf3 38.Bc4!
[38.Rxa6? Re1 39.Kg1 Re5∓ David Cummings,MH: '-+']
38...Be4



39.Qf4!
[39.Rxa6?! Rb8
A) 40.Rxg6+ Bxg6 41.Qxg6+ Kf8± David Cummings,MH: '±';
B) 40.Rf6 Rb2+ 41.Kg1 Rg2+ 42.Kf1 Qxg3 43.Qxg3 *(43.Bxf7+ Kg7=)* 43...Rxg3±;
C) 40.Rd6 Kh7 *(40...Rb2+? 41.Kg1±)*]
[39.Bxa6?! Kh7 *(39...Bf5±)* 40.Bc4 Rb8]
39...Re7

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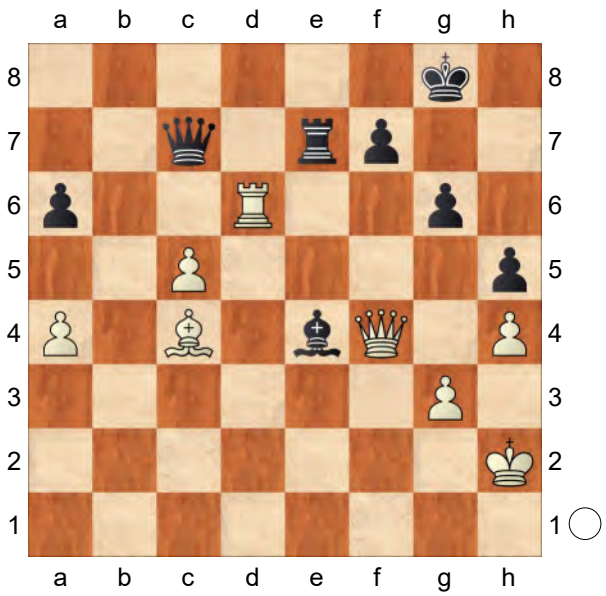

40.Bxf7+! Double Attack David Cummings,MH: 'The decisive breakthrough. Double Attack' **40...Kh7**
[40...Rxf7? 4.30/18 40...Kg8-h7 2.18 41.Qxe4 Qxc5 42.Rxg6+ Kf8 43.Qa8+ Ke7 44.Rg5 also wins for White]
41.Bc4 David Cummings,MH: '→' David Cummings,MH: ' And now Qf4-f8! would win. Black is in trouble.'
[41.Rxa6 Qxf4 *(41...Rxf7 42.Qxe4 Rf2+ 43.Kh3=)* 42.Bxg6+ Bxg6-+]
41...Qxc5? 8.22/25
[41...Bf5 2.50/19 42.c6 *(42.Bxa6 Qxc5 43.Bf1 Re4=)* 42...Qb6 *(42...Re4? 43.Rd7++- Decoy)*]

(Diagram)

42.Qf8! Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.17 (very precise) David Cummings,MH: 'Black can't survive for long, for example:' **42...Rg7**
[42...Qxd6 43.Bg8+]

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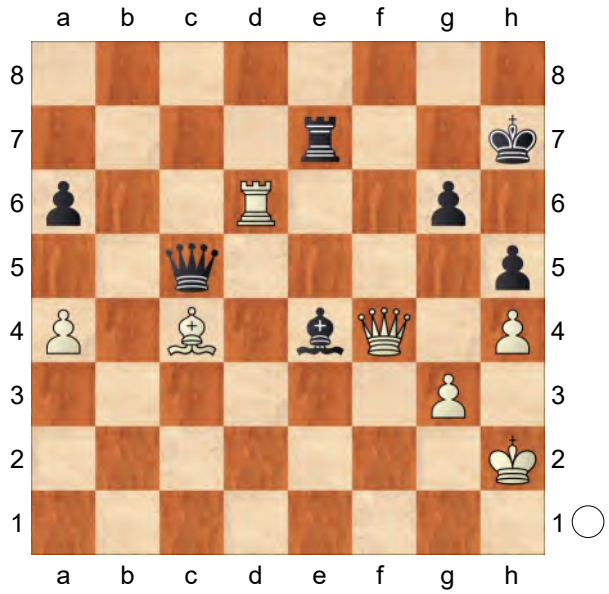
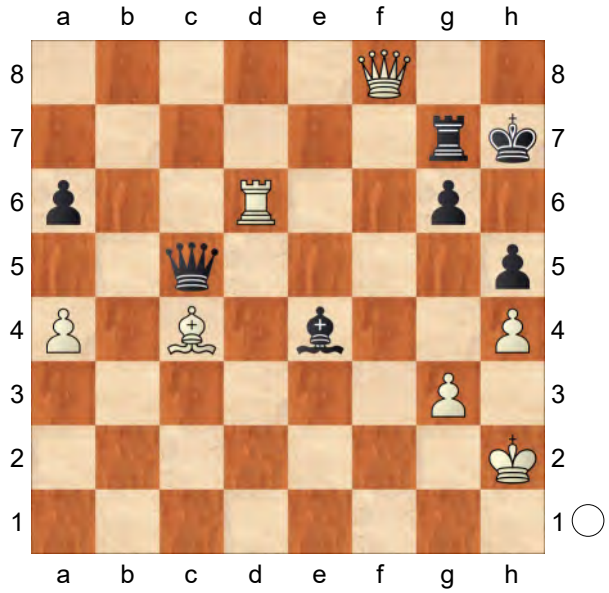




43.Bg8+! Kh8 44.Bd5+ Discovered Attack (Check) **44...Kh7 45.Bxe4** 1-0 Maghsoodloo,P (2707)-Sadhwani,R (2641) FIDE Grand Swiss Douglas 2023 (5) with an extra piece and mate soon to follow. Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
1-0

84 **D85**
□ **Van Foreest,Jorden** **2694**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
Bundesliga 2223 (12.5) 01.04.2023
[Krasenkow,Michal, MH]

D85: Exchange Grünfeld: Unusual White 7th moves and lines with 7 Nf3 **1.d4** Flear,Glenn **1...Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 a5 10.Ne2**
[As you can see in the archives, 10.Nf3 (Flear,Glenn) was played in Carlsen, M - Vachier-Lagrave, M Stavanger 2022.]
10...Na6N Flear,Glenn: 'A curious-looking choice and one might well ask the question: Why place the knight on the edge? After playing through what follows, in the notes, I get the impression that the queen's action from d8 down to d4 is worth retaining at it's full value for now, and this shows up in certain lines. Even so, there is no consensus here as yet.' Hardly a home preparation, rather an attempt to avoid the well-forgotten theory.
[Flear,Glenn: 'The most popular choice has been the immediate' 10...a4 11.Bc2 Flear,Glenn: 'and then'
A) or 11...c5 12.Rb1 0-0 13.Be3 Ba6= 14.Bd3?! -0.62/19 *(14.dxc5= 0.04/21 Nd7 15.0-0)* 14...b4∓ 15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.dxc5 bxc3∓ -0.72/21 0-1 (61) Malakhatko,V (2524)-Azmaiparashvili,Z (2670) Ohrid 2001 CBM 084 [Krasenkow, Michal] *(⌓16...Qa5! -1.11/22 17.cxb4 Nxb4)*;
B) 11...0-0 Flear,Glenn: 'not deciding immediately on a route for the knight:' is the usual continuation

for Black in this old system
B1) 12.Ba3 -0.26/22 12.0-0 0.24 Flear,Glenn Na6!? 13.0-0 c5! (looks good) 14.Rb1! Rb8 15.dxc5 -0.34/22 *(15.Bc1=* 0.09/20 *)* 15...Qc7∓ 16.Qd3 -0.68/21 *(⌓16.c6* -0.31/20 *)* 16...Rd8∓ 17.Qe3 Be6 18.Bd3! Qd7 Repels Ne2-d4 19.Nc1 Qc6 0.00/19 Korchnoi, V - Gulko, B Beersheba 1993, was fine for Black whose pieces look the more dynamic *(19...Bxc3∓* -0.40/19 is superior. *20.Bxb5 Rxb5 21.Rxb5 Bc4 22.Qxc3 Bxb5)*;
B2) 12.0-0
B2a) 12...e5 (Flear,Glenn) (a sensible counter that had perhaps been 'forgotten about', but see the main game...)
B2a1) or after 13.Ba3 Re8 14.d5 Black was happy to trade:. Prevents Bc8-e6. cxd5 15.Qxd5 Qxd5 16.exd5 Ba6 0.00/21 *(*Better is *16...Bd7∓* -0.62/20 *)* 17.Rfe1= Nd7 18.Bb4 Rac8 0.16/20 *(⌓18...Nb6* -0.27/23 *19.Rad1 Bb7)* 19.Red1 -0.21/19 *(⌓19.Rad1* 0.16/20 *)* 19...Nf6 Long Yauca, J - Camacho Collados, M Mislata 2006, with easy play;
B2a2) 13.Be3 Be6 14.f4?! -0.25/20 *(* one should prefer *14.Bd3!* just keeping everything neat and tidy whilst rendering ...Bc4 less evident*; 14.Bd3±* 0.37/22 *)* 14...exd4= 15.Bxd4 Bc4 16.f5 -1.27/24 *(16.Re1=* -0.23/20 remains equal.*)* 16...Bxe2 17.Qxe2 Bxd4+ 18.cxd4 Qxd4+ 19.Kh1 Qe5! Gonda, L - Borisek, J Olbia 2008, and there was no compensation for the pawn.;
B2b) 12...c5
B2b1) 13.Rb1 Flear,Glenn Ba6 14.d5 0.00/19 *(14.Re1±* 0.36/19 *)* 14...Nd7= 15.h4 Qa5 0.38/22 *(15...h5=* -0.06/20 *)* 16.h5 b4 17.cxb4 cxb4 18.Bd2 Erigaisi, A - Duda, J Meltwater online rapid 2022, was a line that I examined via a different move order for ChessPublishing and decided last year that Rfb8 was fine for Black;
B2b2) 13.Be3 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nc6 15.Rb1 Prevents Nc6-b4. Ba6 16.d5?! *(⌓16.e5∞)* 16...Ne5 17.Nd4 Qd7! 18.Bf4 Nc4↑ 1-0 (61) Sokolov,I (2630)-Tseitlin,M (2545) Ljubljana 1995]
[Most folk prefer to pass via d7: 10...0-0 Flear,Glenn 11.0-0 Nd7 12.e5 Nb6 13.h4 a4 14.Bc2 h5 (a slight concession, but otherwise the threat of h4-h5 is a nuisance) 15.Nf4 Nd5! 16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.Ba3 Re8 18.Qe2 Parligras, M - Papadiamandis, E French league 2022, and now Be6! is fairly solid.]
[10...Nd7 Flear,Glenn 11.a4!? (a different plan, to loosen up the opponent's queenside) Nb6 12.0-0 bxa4 *(* a 'wait and see' policy is not

bad: *12...0-0 13.Ba3 Qc7∞)* 13.Ba2 Ba6 14.Ba3 0-0 15.Re1 Qc7 16.Qc2 Rfd8 17.e5! Rab8 1.08/21 Mendonca, L - Skalsky, A Skalica 2020, and now White obtains the easier game with *(17...Bxe2± 0.43/21 18.Qxe2 e6)* 18.Ng3 with visions of heading to c5.]

11.h4 a4 The position is equal. **12.Bc2 e5** Flear,Glenn: '!' Flear,Glenn: 'There is strong pressure on d4, enhanced by leaving the knight out of the view of Black's queen. This at least partially explains the Iranian's tenth move, but even with the knight still on b8 this type of advance seems playable, see the note to Black's tenth move for an analogous line after he opts for 12...e5.' Logical: a counterblow in the centre in reply to a flank attack. **13.h5 Be6 14.Be3 exd4 15.Bxd4**

[In the case of 15.cxd4 (Flear,Glenn) I suspect that Nb4! would have appeared on the board (another point behind 10...Na6).]

15...Bxd4

[⌓15...0-0

A) 16.h6 0.00/23 16.Qd1-d3 0.44 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 -0.81/21 *(17.Qxd4= 0.08/20 Qxd4 18.Nxd4)* 17...Bc4!∓ 18.Nxc6 -1.28/20 *(⌓18.Qd2 -0.74/19)* 18...Qc7!∓ 19.Nd4 *(19.Qd4 f6!)* 19...Rad8→;

B) 16.Qc1 Nb4!;

C) 16.Qd2 c5! 17.Bxg7 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 Kxg7=]

16.Nxd4 Qf6N

[Flear,Glenn: 'Probably, the right continuation involves' 16...Bc4 Flear,Glenn: '!' Flear,Glenn: '(cutting out 0-0 for the moment)'

A) 17.hxg6 Flear,Glenn fxg6 and despite having to recapture away from the centre Black is not under serious pressure. If then 18.Nxc6 -0.08/21 *(18.Bd3± 0.40/19 is more appropriate. Bxd3 19.Qxd3)* 18...Qc7!= 19.Nd4 0-0 there will be good piece play for the pawn.;

B) 17.Nxc6 Qc7 1.12/18 *(17...Qxd1+!± 0.36/20 18.Kxd1 Rc8)* 18.Qd4! is now favorable for White.]

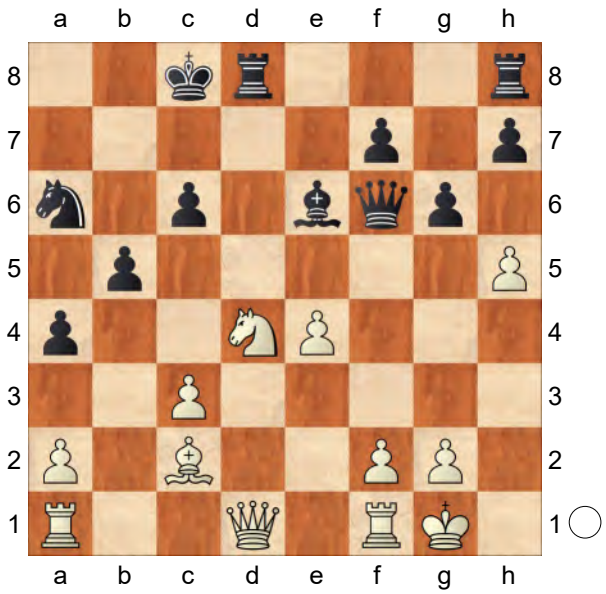
17.0-0 Threatens to win with e4-e5.

[17.Nxc6? Qxc3+ 18.Kf1 Qxc6-+]

17...0-0-0?! 1.21/19

[There was nothing wrong with 17...0-0∞]

[17...0-0± 0.55/21]



Flear,Glenn: 'Well, we don't see long castling that often in the Gré nfeld and it's often worth pointing out the motivation, but this is still a questionable decision where losing the initiative could be serious for Black. Arguably, White's h-pawn push doesn't have the same effect when the opposing king isn't in that area of the board, but Black has been pushing pawns on the wing where

his king is installed. So, in my opinion, if he wanted a less rocky ride, he really should have gone short instead anyway.' Too aggressive. Black's king will be unsafe on the queenside. **18.Qe2?** -0.29/17 White misses a good opportunity: Flear,Glenn: '?!'

[Flear,Glenn: 'Instead of the text move, the engine prefers' 18.Bxa4! Flear,Glenn: '!?' , e.g. Bc4 *(18...c5?* 3.37/19 18...Rh8-e8 1.07 *19.Bxb5 Nc7 20.Qc2 cxd4 21.cxd4+- →; 18...gxh5 19.Bb3 c5 20.Bxe6+ fxe6 21.Qf3±; 18...bxa4?* 3.58/18 18...g6xh5 0.97 *19.Qxa4+- →)* 19.Qg4+ Kc7 1.93/18 *(19...Kb7 20.Rfb1; 19...Kb7±* 1.17/22 *)* 20.Qg3++- Qd6 21.e5 Qe7 22.Bb3 Bxf1 23.Rxf1→]

[and (for that matter) 18.Re1 0.46/17 18.Bc2xa4 1.10 (Flear,Glenn) when it seems that Black isn't threatening ... c5, as, for example, c5 1.92/20 *(18...Nc5!±* 0.46/17 *)* 19.e5+- Qh4 20.g3 Qh3 21.Qf3! cxd4 22.Qa8+ Nb8 23.Be4 leaves White's attack looking highly dangerous. Repels Be6-d5]

[White should play 18.Bxa4!± 1.21/19 Ba4-b3 is the strong threat. Rhe8 *(18...bxa4 19.Qxa4 Nc7 20.Rab1+-)* 19.Bb3]

18...Bc4= 19.Bd3 Bxd3 20.Qxd3 Rhe8 Black has consolidated his position and got excellent counter-chances.

[No points for 20...c5?? 4.93/18 20...Rh8-e8 -0.30 Flear,Glenn 21.Qxb5 cxd4 22.cxd4 as White then has a winning attack.]

21.f4?!

[21.Qe3!? was safer]

21...Kb7 But this is not the best place for Black's king.

[21...Qe7!? 22.e5 Qc5∓]

22.e5 Qe7 23.Rab1 Nc7 1.46/21 Flear,Glenn: '?' This blunder is a consequence of Black's inaccurate 21st move.

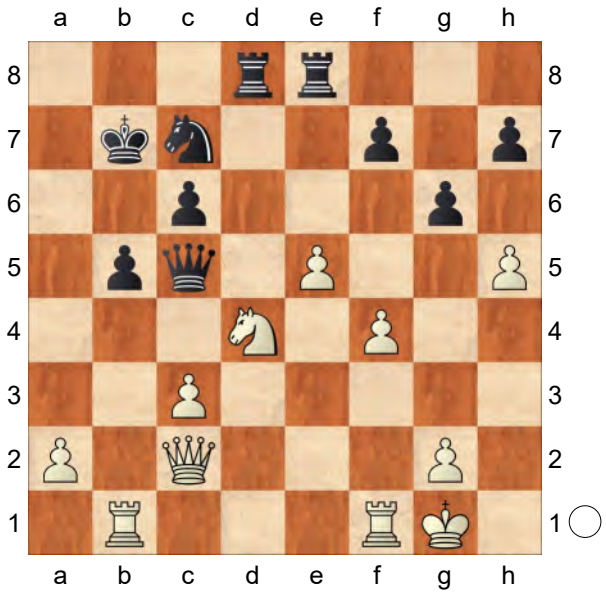
[Flear,Glenn: 'Superior is' 23...Qc5! Flear,Glenn: ' ∞!' Flear,Glenn: 'when the wing holds together and the result would be far from evident to predict.' 24.Kh2 Nc7∓]

[23...Qc5!∓ -0.63/20 stays ahead.]

24.Qc4!↑ Flear,Glenn: 'A strong move using a pin to win a pawn.'. White has strong initiative. Black is on the road to losing. That's it. Black simply loses his crucial a4 pawn. **24...Qd7 25.Qxa4** White is more active. **25...Qd5 26.Qc2 Qc5** 2.15/18

[Nor does 26...Qc4 (Flear,Glenn) impress due to the simple. ...Rd8xd4 would now be deadly. 27.Nb3±]

[26...Qc4± 1.55/17 is a better defense. 27.Qb3 Qxb3 28.Nxb3 *(28.axb3 b4±)* 28...Ra8]

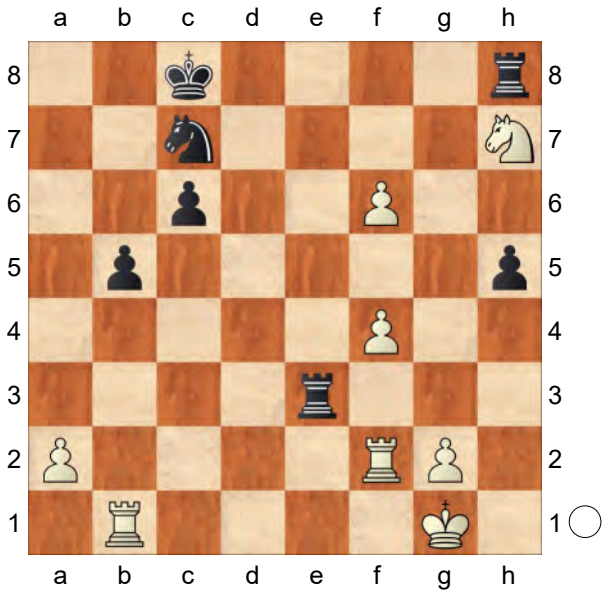


27.Rf2!+- Flear,Glenn: 'Unpinning in two different ways. There is nothing doing

for Black here as potential compensation, so he decides to throw more wood on the fire.' **27...f6** Desperation. **28.exf6** Black must now prevent a2-a4.
[28.hxg6?! fxe5 29.Nb3 Qb6 30.gxh7 Re7+-]
28...Re3 29.Nb3! Flear,Glenn: 'The c-pawn is abandoned, but the knight can in return hop around to its heart's content.'
[29.hxg6 Rxc3 30.Nb3 Rxc2±]
29...Qxc3 4.03/22
[⌓29...Qd6 2.78/17 30.Qd2 *(30.hxg6 hxg6 31.Qd2 Ree8+-)* 30...Qxd2 31.Rxd2 *(31.Nxd2 Rf8+-)* 31...Nd5 32.hxg6 *(32.c4 bxc4 33.hxg6 hxg6+-)* 32...hxg6]
30.Nc5+
[Less strong is 30.hxg6 hxg6 31.Qxc3 *(31.Qxg6? Re1+ 32.Rxe1* Remove Defender *Qxe1+ 33.Kh2 Qxf2-+)* 31...Rxc3+-]
30...Kc8 31.Qxc3 Deflection
[Weaker is 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.Qxc3 Rxc3+-]
31...Rxc3 32.Ne4 Re3 33.Ng5 Flear,Glenn: 'The passed f-pawn, supported by the knight, becomes a prized weapon.' Black can't successfully stop White's f6 pawn. **33...gxh5 34.Nxh7 Rh8**

(Diagram)

35.f7! White is clearly winning. **35...Ne6 36.f5 Nf8 37.Ng5 Rg3 38.Ne6** Flear,Glenn: 'Seven moves out of the last ten by this knight have done the business, Black is helpless.'. aiming for Rb1-d1.
[But not 38.Ne4 Re3 39.Ng5 Kb7]
38...Kd7 7.05/20
[⌓38...Rd3 4.97/19 39.Re1 Rd7]



39.Re2 Nh7 40.Rd1+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.17 (very precise) / Black=0.40
1-0

85 **D35**
□ **Gareyev,Timur** **2541**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
FIDE World Rapid Team (8.14) 03.08.24
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation Nadyrhanov,S: 'Inf 73/(459)' Inf 59/(433) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Nb6**
[6...c6 7.Qc2 Be7 8.h3 Nf8 9.e3 Ng6 10.Bh2 Bd6 11.Ne5 Qe7 12.f4 0-0 13.Bd3 c5 14.0-0 a6 15.g4 c4 16.Be2 Bb4 17.f5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Ne4 20.Qd4 b5 21.Bf3 ½-½ 7.♗b3 b5 8.a4_59011 (2596)-Gheng,J (2535) Cap d'Agde-A rapid 2003 (4)]
7.Qc2 c6
[7...g6 8.e3 Bf5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c6 11.0-0 Kasparov,G

(2760)-Eingorn,V (2560) USSR (ch) 46/(526) 1988]

8.e3 Nh5N Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[8...Bg4 9.Ne5 Bh5 10.Bd3 Bg6 *(10...Be7 11.Bg5 Bg6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.0-0 Nfd7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.a4 a5 17.e4 dxe4 18.Qxe4+ Kf8 19.Rfe1 Rd8 20.Qf4 Rh5 21.Re4 Nd5 22.Qf3 Qd6 23.h3 Rf5 24.Qe2 Nf6 25.Rh4* Shabalov,A (2590)-Kamsky,G (2645) (ch) United States 1993*)* 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Ne2 0-0 13.Ng3 Re8 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.Bxf5 Nc4 16.Nxc4 Bxf4 17.exf4 dxc4 18.Qxc4 Qd5 19.Qxd5 Nxd5 20.g3 Re2 21.Rab1 Rd8 22.Rfd1 Nc7 23.Kf1 Tregubov,P (2560)-Nadyrhanov,S (2480) 73/(459) Krasnodar 1998 Re7 24.Re1 Nd5 25.Rbd1 Kf8 26.h4 h6 27.Rxe7 Kxe7 28.Bc2 Nc7 29.Ke2 Rd5 30.Bb3 Rb5 31.Kf3 f6 32.g4 a5 33.Rd2 Kd6 34.Bc4 Rb4 35.Bf7 Nd5 36.Ke4 Rb5 37.a4 Rb3 38.Bxd5 10.♘f3 b5 11.♗f6 (2560)-Ordonez,F (2480) Bucuresti 11/236 1971]

9.0-0-0N -0.30/21

[Vorgänger: 9.Be5 f6 10.Bg3 Be6 11.Bd3 g6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Qd7 14.Nd2 0-0-0 15.0-0-0 Nxg3 16.hxg3 0-1 Sturua,Z (2548)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2691) EU-ch 17th Gjakova 2016 (7)]

[9.Be5± 0.36/23]

9...g6 0.17/21

[⌓9...Nxf4 -0.30/21 10.exf4 Qf6]

10.Be5 -0.19/25

[⌓10.Bg5 0.17/21 f6 11.Bh4]

10...f6 11.Bg3 Be7 12.Bd3 0-0 13.Kb1 Rf7 14.Rde1 a5 15.Nd2 Be6 16.f4 -0.50/21

[16.f3= -0.08/19]

16...Ng7 -0.08/22

[16...f5∓ -0.50/21 feels stronger.]

17.Bf2= Nc4 18.Rhg1 -0.64/21

[Better is 18.Nxc4!= -0.08/20 dxc4 19.Be2]

18...b5∓ Black is more active. **19.g4 f5 20.gxf5 Bxf5** -0.41/21

[20...Nxd2+∓ -0.80/24 21.Qxd2 Bxf5 *(21...Nxf5 22.Rc1=)* 22.Bxf5 Nxf5]

21.Bxf5 -0.80/24

[21.Nf3!∓ -0.41/21]

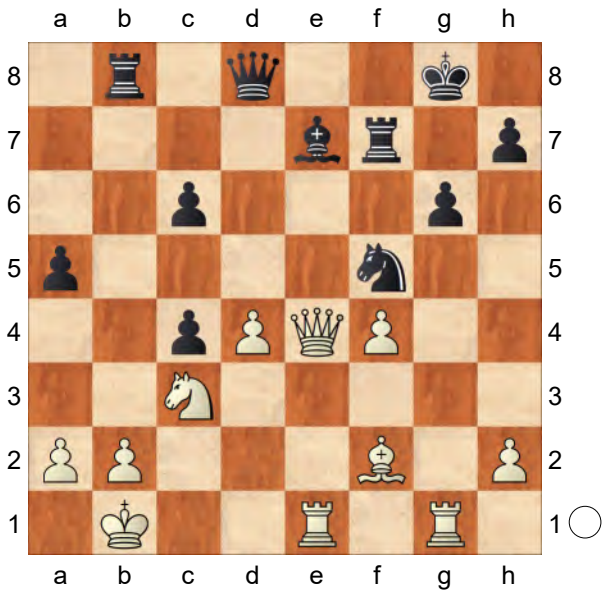
21...Nxf5 -0.06/18

[21...Nxd2+∓ -0.80/24 22.Qxd2 Nxf5]

22.Nxc4

[22.e4 Nxd2+ 23.Qxd2 dxe4 24.Rxe4 Bf8∓]

22...bxc4 23.e4 dxe4 24.Qxe4 Rb8



Strongly threatening ...Be7-a3. **25.Qxc6 Ba3 26.Nb5**

[26.Qxc4? Rxb2+ 27.Ka1 Rxf2-+]

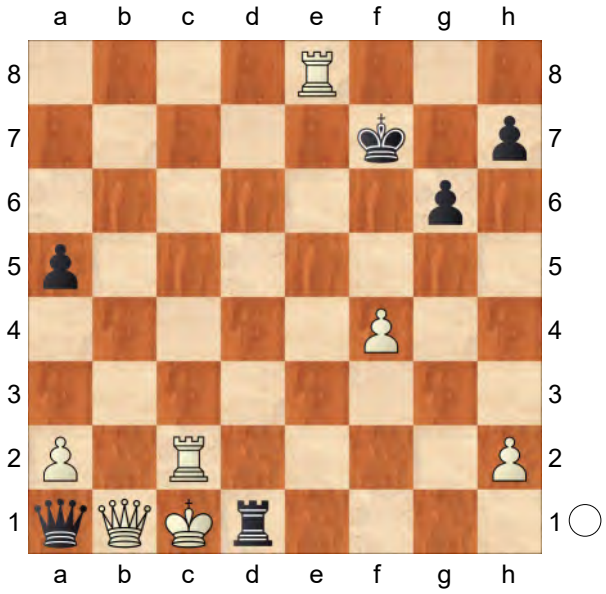
26...Bxb2 27.Kxb2 Black must now prevent Kb2-a1. **27...Nxd4 28.Bxd4**

[28.Qxc4? Nxb5 *(28...Rxb5+? 29.Ka1-+)* 29.Ka1 Na3-+]

28...Qxd4+ 29.Kc2 Qd3+? 1.59/21

[29...Qf2+!= 0.00/20 30.Kc3 Qxa2]

30.Kc1± c3 2.21/29
[30...Qf5± 1.43/22 was worth a try.]
31.Nxc3+- Re1-e8+ would now be deadly. **31...Rd7** 3.06/21
[⌓31...Rxf4 2.17/19 32.Qe6+ Rf7]
32.Rg2 Rd6 33.Re8+? 0.04/20
[33.Qc5+- 3.16/20]
33...Kf7⇄ Black has counterplay
34.Qc7+
[34.Rxb8? loses. Rxc6 35.Rb7+ Kf6-+]
34...Rd7! Chess con chili. **35.Qxb8** -6.14/21 Now White is beyond hope.
[35.Qxd7+= 0.11/18 Qxd7 36.Rxb8]
35...Qxc3+-+ Black is clearly winning.
36.Rc2 Qa1+ 37.Qb1 Rd1+!



Skewer, Deflection **38.Kxd1 Qxb1+**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.20 (precise)
0-1

86 **A29**
□ **Ding,Liren** **2811**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
R 8/g3 Wijk aan Zee 2023
[Kitty Kat]

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3 El Taher,F: 'Inf 49/(44)' **1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nc3 Nb6 6.Nf3**
[6.e3 Nc6 7.Nge2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 f6 10.f5 Nb4 11.d4 exd4 12.exd4 c6 13.g4 Bd6 14.Ne4 N4d5 15.Kh1 Bc7 16.Qd3 Re8 17.g5 Qe7 18.Bd2 Qf7 19.N2g3 Bd7 20.g6 Qf8 Ponomariov,R (2743)-Potapov,P (2460) Khanty-Mansiysk (blitz) 118/(10) 2013]
[6.b3 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.d3 Nc6 9.Nf3 Be6 10.0-0 Qd7 11.Re1 Bh3 12.Bh1 f6 13.Rc1 Nd4 14.Ne4 c6 15.Nc5 Bxc5 16.Rxc5 Rfe8 17.Nd2 Rad8 18.Ne4 Qg4 19.Bxd4 exd4 20.Bf3 Qd7 1-0 Zubak,Z (2206)-Schaller,T (2091) 103/229 London 2008 (3)]
6...Nc6 7.0-0N
[7.d3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Rc1 f5 10.Na4 e4 11.Qb3+ Kh8 12.dxe4 fxe4 13.Nd2 *(13.Rd1 Qe8* Smyslov,V (2570)-El Taher,F (2375) Manila (izt) Manila (izt) 49/(44) 1990*)* 13...Nd4 14.Qd1 Nf5 A 29/15 2000]
7...Be7 8.a3 0-0 9.b4 Be6 10.b5 Nd4 11.Rb1 Dodges Be6-b3 **11...f6 12.e3** The position is equal. **12...Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Qc8 14.a4 a5 15.bxa6! Rxa6 16.d4 Rd8 17.Qc2 Bf5 18.Qb3+ Be6** 0.71/21
[18...Kh8= 0.04/19 remains equal.]
19.d5± Bf7 20.Rd1 Bd6 21.Ba3
Weighted Error Value: White=0.00

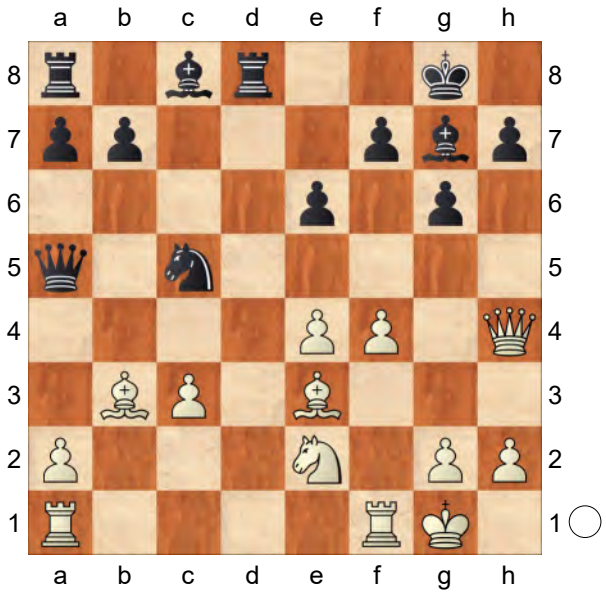
(flawless) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
½-½

87 **D87**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Ragger,Markus** **2615**
Bundesliga 2324 (1.3) 21.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D87: Exchange Grünfeld: Classical
Line: Variations without ...cxd4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 0-0 9.0-0**
[9.Be3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nc6 11.Qd2 Qa5 12.Rd1 Qxd2+ 13.Rxd2 Na5 14.Bd3 e6 15.0-0 Bd7 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Rdc2 Rxc2 18.Rxc2 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.d5 ½-½ Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Kortschnoj,V (2655) 48/(622) Tilburg 1989]
9...Nc6 10.Be3 e6N
[10...cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bd3 Nc6 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Rb1 e6 15.Qd2 a6 16.Bd3 b5 17.Rfc1 Re8 18.h4 Rc8 19.h5 Qa5 20.Qd1 D 88/01 2003]
[10...b6 11.Qd2 Bb7 12.Rad1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.d5 Bb5 17.Rc1 Qd6 18.Rfd1 ½-½ Bellmann,H (2401)-Koch,C (2225) corr AO-00025 LSS 2023]
11.dxc5 Ne5 12.Bb3 Qa5 13.f4 White has an edge. **13...Rd8** 0.77/21
[13...Nd7= 0.11/19 keeps the balance.]
14.Qe1± Nd3 15.Qh4 Nxc5

(Diagram)

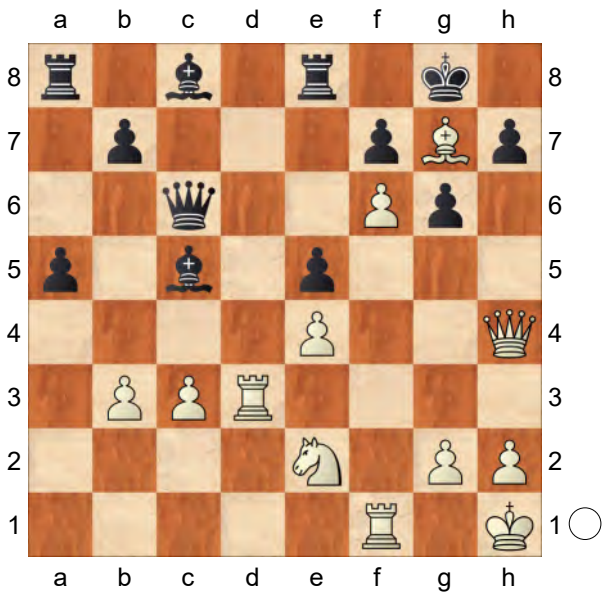
16.f5! f5xg6 is the strong threat.
16...Nxb3
[16...Qc7 17.fxg6]



17.axb3 Qc7 18.Rad1↑ White has strong initiative.
[Reject 18.Rxa7?! Rxa7 19.Bxa7 *(19.fxg6 hxg6 20.Bxa7 b6∓)* 19...exf5∓ *(19...Bxc3? loses. 20.Nxc3 Qa5 21.Be3+-)*]
18...Re8 19.f6 Bf8 Black is weak on the dark squares **20.Kh1** White has more active pieces. **20...a5 21.Rd3 e5?** 2.89/20
[21...Rd8± 0.76/21 22.Bf4 Qb6]
22.Bh6+- Black must now prevent Bh6xf8. **22...Bc5 23.Bg7** Strongly threatening Ne2-g3. **23...Qc6?** 10.35/18
[23...Rd8 1.77/18 24.Rdf3 Qd7]

(Diagram)

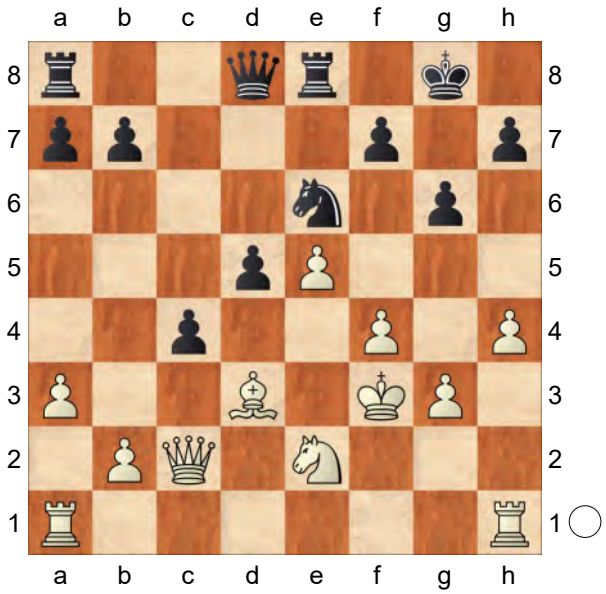
24.Rf5!! Back Rank. Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) / Black=0.36
1-0



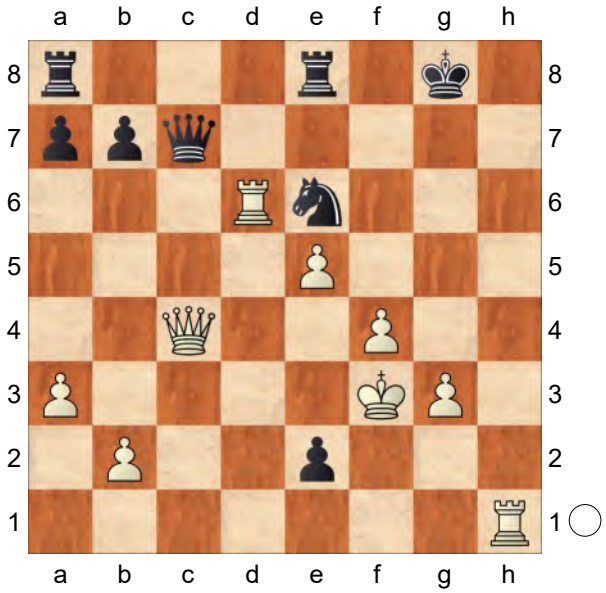
88 **D35**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Nakamura,Hikaru** **2768**
Tata Steel India Blitz (15) 04.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D35: Queen's Gambit Declined: Exchange Variation E56: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line: 7...Nc6 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.cxd5N**
[5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 a6 9.Qe2 b5 10.Bb3 cxd4 11.exd4 Bb7 12.Bg5 Nc6 13.Rad1 Nb4 14.Ne5 Nbd5 15.Rd3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Ne4 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Re3 Nf6 19.Bc2 Qd6 1-0 Alatortsev,V-Kan,I Moscow-ch17 1937 20.Rg3 g6 21.h4 Rac8 22.h5 Rc7 23.Re1 b4 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.cxb4 Rfc8 26.Bxg6 hxg6 27.Rxg6+ Rg7 28.Rxf6 Rxg2+ 29.Kf1 Qxd4 30.Rg6+ Rxg6 31.Nxg6 Re8 32.Qh5 Kg7 33.Ne5 Rf8 34.Qg6+ Kh8 ½-½ Alatortsev,V-Petrosian,T URS-ch18 Moscow 1950]
[5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 a5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.Nd2 b5 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Na4 c3 16.Bxc3 Bb5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Be2 19.Re1 Bd3 1-0 Navara,D (2689)-Yu, Y (2735) Biel Blitz 56th 2023 (1)]
[5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.h4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.g5 exd4 12.Nxd4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Be2 cxd5 17.Rh5 Qg1+ 18.Kd2 Qxf2 19.Rch1 f6 1-0 Model Games-Ivanisevic,I Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
5...exd5 6.Bf4 c6 7.e3 Bf5 8.Nh4! is recently more successful than 8.Bd3. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 8.Ld3. **8...Bg4 9.Qc2 Nh5 10.h3** The position is equal. **10...Bc8N**
[Vorgänger: 10...Be6 aiming for ... Nh5xf4. 11.Nf3 Nxf4 12.exf4 g6 13.Bd3 Qd6 14.Ne2 Nd7 15.0-0 Nf6 16.Ne5 Nd7 1-0 (100) Warmerdam,M (2613)-Michalik,P (2577) Prague 2022]
11.Nf3 Nxf4 12.exf4 Bd6 13.g3 Na6 1.04/18
[13...0-0= 0.11/18 remains equal.]
14.a3 0.00/18
[14.Bxa6± 1.04/18 bxa6 15.Nxd5 Qa5+ 16.Nc3]
14...0-0 15.Bd3 Active counter play! **15...Re8+ 16.Kf1 g6 17.Kg2 Nc7 18.h4** Strongly threatening h4-h5. **18...Bg4 19.Ne5 Bxe5 20.dxe5** Threatens to win with h4-h5! **20...Ne6 21.Ne2 c5** 1.00/19
[21...Bxe2± 0.62/19 22.Qxe2 *(22.Bxe2 h5+-)* 22...h5]
22.f3 0.60/19
[White should try 22.h5± 1.00/19 h5xg6 would now be deadly. Bxh5 23.Rxh5 gxh5 24.Bxh7+ *(24.Rh1 h6=)* 24...Kh8 25.Rh1]

22...Bxf3+!± 23.Kxf3 c4



24.Bxg6! hxg6 25.Rad1 Qb6 1.40/19 Prevents Ne2-d4.
[25...b5± 0.57/16]
26.h5!±
[26.Rxd5? Qc6 27.Rhd1 Nc7-+]
26...d4 2.78/21
[26...g5± 1.56/19]
27.hxg6+-
[27.Qxc4 Rac8 28.Qb4 Qc6+ 29.Kf2 Qe4 30.hxg6 *(30.Nxd4? Nxd4 31.Rxd4 Rc2+ 32.Rd2 Qxb4-+)* 30...Qe3+ 31.Ke1 d3-+ *(31...fxg6? 32.Qxb7 Rc7 33.Qb5+-)*]
27...d3? 5.34/21
[27...Qc6+ 3.03/19 28.Qe4 d3]
28.gxf7+ Kxf7 29.Qxc4 dxe2 30.Rd7+ 0.99/21
[30.Qxe2 Nd4+ 31.Rxd4 Qxd4=]
[30.Kxe2 Kg8±]
[30.Rd6+- 5.03/21 and White stays clearly on top. Qxb2 31.Qd3 e1N+ 32.Rxe1]
30...Kg8 31.Rd6 0.52/21 Really sharp!
[31.Kxe2 Rad8 32.Rdh7 Qxb2+ 33.Kf3 Rd4 34.Rh8+ Kg7 35.R1h7+ *(35.Rxe8? Rxc4 36.Re7+ Kf8-+)* 35...Kg6 36.Rh6+ Kf7 37.R6h7+ Kg6=]
[31.f5± 1.24/19 Intending Qc4-g4+ and mate. Qc6+ 32.Qxc6 *(32.Kxe2 Qxc4+ 33.Kf2 Qc5+ 34.Ke2 Qxe5+ 35.Kd3 Nc5+ 36.Kd2 Qxb2+ 37.Kd1 Nb3)* 32...bxc6 33.fxe6 Rxe6 34.Kxe2 Rxe5+ 35.Kd1]
31...Qc7? 2.11/21
[Black should play 31...Rac8!± 0.52/21 32.Qe4 *(32.Qxe2? Qxd6-+)* 32...Qb3+ 33.Rd3 *(33.Kxe2 Rc2+ 34.Kf1 Qb5+ 35.Ke1 Rc1+ 36.Rd1 Rxd1+ 37.Kxd1 Rd8+ 38.Kc2 Qb3+* Decoy *39.Kxb3 Nc5+ 40.Kc4 Nxe4=)* 33...e1N+ 34.Rxe1 Qb5]



A mistake that costs the game. **32.Qxc7!**
[32.Qxe2? Qxd6-+ *(32...Rad8 33.Qh2±; 32...Rad8 33.Qh2±)*]
32...Nxc7 33.Kxe2 Re7 2.59/21
[33...Ne6 1.98/19 was worth a try. 34.Kf3 Rad8]
34.Rhd1 Rae8 35.Rd7 Ne6 36.Kf3
[36.f5 Rxd7 37.Rxd7 Ng7 38.Rxb7 Rxe5+ 39.Kd2 Rd5+ 40.Kc3 Nxf5±]
36...Nc5 2.45/20
[36...Kf7 1.93/20 is a better defense. 37.g4 b5]

37.Rxe7 Rxe7 Endgame. KRN-KR **38.Rd4 a6 39.g4 b5 40.g5 Ne6 41.Rd6 Nxg5+** 4.38/21
[⌓41...b4 2.95/18 42.g6 *(42.axb4 Nxg5+ 43.fxg5 Rxe5+-; 42.Rxa6 bxa3 43.bxa3 Kh7+-)* 42...bxa3 43.bxa3 Nf8]
42.fxg5 Rxe5 43.Rxa6? 1.51/25
[43.Kf4+- 4.51/23 has better winning chances. Re2 44.b4 *(44.Rxa6 Rxb2 45.Kf5 Kg7+-)*]
43...Rxg5 KR-KR **44.Kf4 Rg2** 2.31/26
[44...Rh5± 1.54/26]
45.b4 Rh2 46.Ra5 And now Kf4-e5! would win. **46...Rh3?** 5.44/26
[46...Rh5 3.07/25 might work better. 47.Kg4 Rd5]
47.Ke5 White is clearly winning.
[47.Rxb5 Rxa3 48.Rb7 Kf8±]
47...Kf7 48.Kd6
[48.Rxb5? perishes. Rh5+ *(48...Rxa3 49.Kd6±)* 49.Kd6 Rxb5-+]
48...Rc3 49.Rxb5 Rxa3 50.Re5 Kf6 51.b5 Repels Ra3-a6+ **51...Ra5 52.Rc5 Kf7 53.b6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.55
1-0

89 **E38**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **So,Wesley** **2760**
Tata Steel India Blitz (4) 03.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

E38: Nimzo-Indian: Classical: 4...c5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.Qc2**
[7.g3 Qa5 8.Bg2 cxd4 9.Qxd4 Nc6 10.Qd3 b6 11.0-0 Ba6 12.Bg5 Rac8 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Qd4 Kg7 16.f4 Nc6 17.Bxc6 Rxc6 18.Ne4 Qf5 19.Rf3 h5 20.h3 d5 21.cxd5 exd5 ½-½ Maghsoodloo,P (2719)-So,W (2760) 155/183 Wijk aan Zee 2023]
7...d5 8.e3N
[8.cxd5 exd5 9.e3 c4 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 Re8 #10 3) Variante Clásica con 5.Cf-4.Dc2 O-O 5.Cf3 d5 y 6.a3]
8...Nc6 9.a4! is more profitable than 9. Bd3 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 9.Ld3. **9...Re8 10.Be2 Na5N** 0.14/18
[Vorgänger: 10...Bd7 0.32/18 10...b7-b6 -0.25 11.0-0 Rc8 12.cxd5 exd5 13.dxc5 Ne4 14.Ba3 Na5 0.99/18 *(14...Qf6± 0.46/18)* 15.Rfd1!± Qf6 1.49/19 *(⌓15...Qc7 0.96/17)* 16.Bb4 0.33/19 *(16.Rxd5± 1.49/19 Bc6 17.Rd4)* 16...Nc6 ½-½ (36) Mamedyarov,S (2799)-Vidit,S (2715) Riadh 2017]
[⌓10...b6 -0.23/19]
11.cxd5= exd5 12.dxc5 Ne4 13.Ba3 Bf5 14.Nd4 Bg6 Strongly threatening ... Ne4xf2! **15.Bd3 Nc4 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.Qb2**
[17.0-0 Ng3 18.Qd2 Nxf1 19.Rxf1 a6∓]
17...Qa5 0.51/19
[17...Rc8= 0.01/16]
18.0-0± Qxc3 1.33/20
[18...Nxc5± 0.38/19 19.Bxc5 Qxc5]
19.Qxc3± Nxc3 20.Rfc1 Nxa4 21.Rxc4 b5 22.Nxb5 0.94/20
[22.Rcc1+- 1.74/21]
22...Bd3 23.Rxa4 Bxb5 24.Rg4 f6 25.Bb2 Kf7 26.Rb4 White is more active. **26...a6 27.h3 h5 28.Kh2** 0.73/22
[⌓28.h4! 1.10/21]
28...Rac8 29.Bd4 g5 30.f3 Kg6

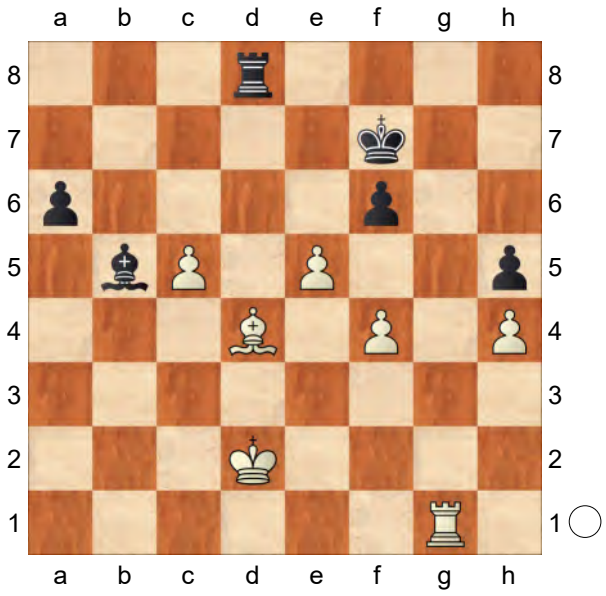
(Diagram)

31.h4! g4 32.Kg3 gxf3 33.gxf3 Kf5 34.e4+ Kg6 35.Kf4 Kf7 36.Rg1 Rg8 37.Rbb1 0.65/24

[Better is 37.Rc1± 1.19/21]

37...Rxg1± 38.Rxg1 Endgame. KRB-KRB **38...Rd8 39.Ke3 Rc8 40.f4 Re8 41.e5 Bc6 42.Rb1 Bb5 43.Rc1 Bc6 44.Rg1 Bb5 45.Kd2 Rd8** 1.25/24

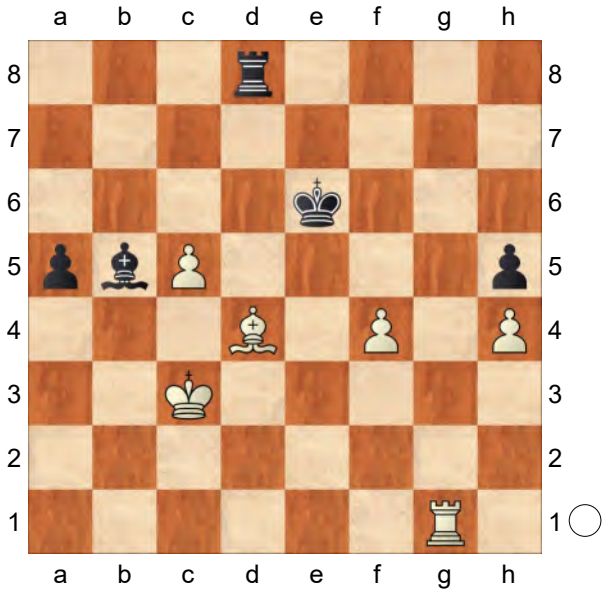
[⌓45...fxe5 0.87/22 46.Bxe5 *(46.fxe5 Rd8=)* 46...Ke6]



46.Kc3!± fxe5 47.Bxe5 a5 48.Bd4 0.77/20

[⌓48.Rb1 1.16/20 Bc6 49.Rb6]

48...Ke6



49.Rg5! Rf8 50.Re5+

[50.Rxh5?! Rxf4 51.Be3 Rc4+ 52.Kb3 Rb4+ 53.Kc3 Rc4+ 54.Kb3 Rb4+ 55.Kc3 Rc4+=]

50...Kd7 51.f5 0.52/19

[Much less strong is 51.Rxh5 Rxf4 52.Rh7+ Kc8±]

[51.Rd5+± 0.98/19 Kc8 52.Be5 *(52.Rxh5 Rxf4 53.Rh8+ Kd7=; 52.f5 Rd8±)*]

51...Rf7 1.18/22

[Black should play 51...Kc8± 0.52/19]

52.Rd5+ Ke8 53.f6 Rd7? 3.83/21

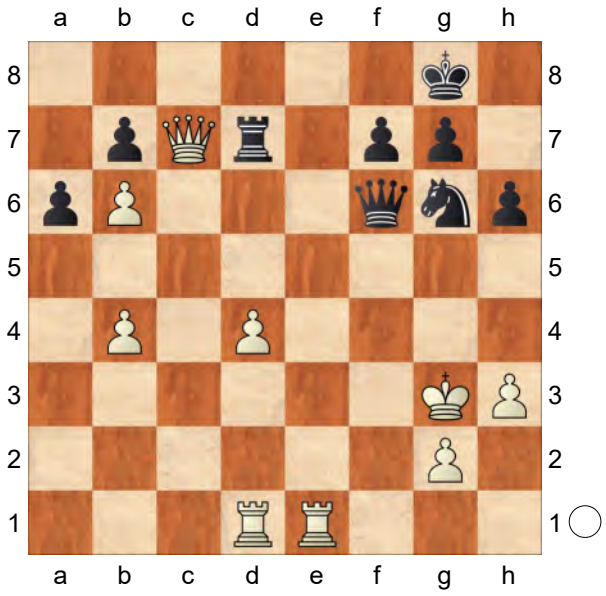
[53...Rh7± 0.96/20 54.Rg5 Bc6 55.Rg8+ Kd7]

54.Rxh5+- Threatens to win with Rh5-h8+. **54...Bc6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.22 (precise)

1-0

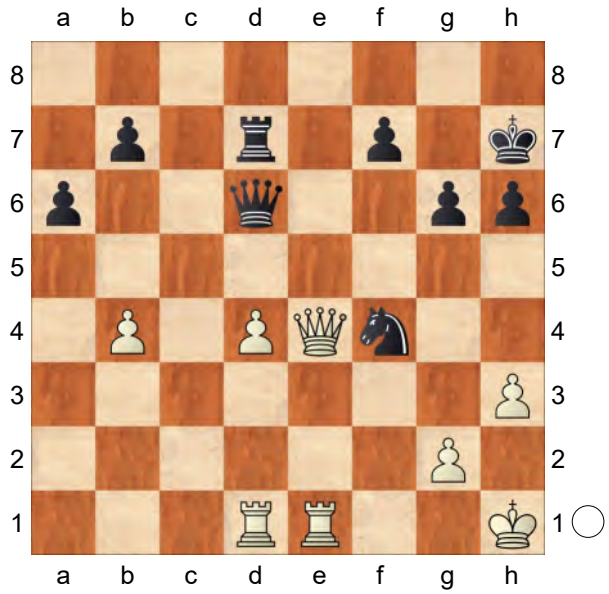
90 **C54**
□ **Sevian,Samuel** **2687**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
Airthings Masters Div 3 W rapid (3.2)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 0-0 7.h3 h6 8.Re1 a6** 8...Bb6 is setting a new trend. 8...Lb6 setzt einen neuen Trend. **9.a4 Ba7 10.Nbd2 Re8** The position is equal. **11.b4**
[11.Nf1 Be6 12.Bb3 Qd7 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.Qc2 dxe4 16.Bxe6 Qxe6 17.dxe4 Rad8 18.Rad1 Ne7 19.Rd3 Ng6 20.c4 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Nf4 22.Qb3 Nxe4 23.Nd5 Nc5 24.Qa3 Ncd3 25.Nxf4 Nxf4 ½-½ 6.e3 0-0 7.♗d2 a6 (1939)-Kasapchuk,A (2053) 65/353 Groningen 1995 (5.16)]
11...Be6 12.Bxe6 Rxe6 13.Qc2 Qd7N
[13...Re8 14.Nf1 b5 15.Ng3 Ne7 16.d4 Nd7 17.Be3 Ng6 18.Nf5 Ne7 19.Ng3 Ng6 20.Nf5 Ne7 21.dxe5 Bxe3 22.Nxe3 Nxe5 23.Nxe5 dxe5 24.Red1 Qc8 25.c4 bxa4 26.Qxa4 Qb7 27.Nd5 c6 28.Nxe7+ 1-0 Harika,D (2526)-Koneru,H (2575) Chengdu FIDE GP (Women) 2016 (7) Qxe7 29.c5 Qb7 30.Rd6 Rec8 31.Qa5 Rab8 32.Ra4 Qb5 33.Qxb5 Rxb5 34.f3 a5 35.bxa5 Rxc5 36.a6 Kf8 37.Rd7 Ke8 38.Rb7 Rb5 39.h4 g6 40.Kh2 h5 41.Ra2 Kf8 42.Kg3 Kg7 43.Rd7 1-0 Kunz,H (2526)-Kravitz,N (2575) 92/(464) Eforie Nord 2004 (7)]
14.Nf1 Rd8 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Nxe3 Ne7 17.Rad1 Ng6 18.c4 c6 19.a5 d5 20.d4N c4xd5 would now be deadly.
[Vorgänger: 20.c5 0.26/16 20.d3-d4 0.68 d4 21.Nf5 Ne7 22.Nd6 Ne8 23.Nc4 Qc7 24.Nh4 0.53/20 *(24.g3± 0.91/17)* 24...Rf6± 25.g3 Against Rf6-f4 g5 26.Nf5 -0.10/22 *(26.Ng2!± 0.51/21)* 26...Nxf5= 27.exf5 Rxf5 1-0 (42) Ganguly,S (2563)-Kryvoruchko,Y (2617) Riga 2021]
20...Nxe4 21.cxd5 cxd5 22.Nxd5 Nxf2 1.77/24
[22...exd4!± 0.55/21 23.Nb6 *(23.Rxd4 Ng5±; 23.Rxe4 Rxe4 24.Qxe4 Qxd5=)* 23...Qe8 *(23...d3 24.Nxd7 dxc2 25.Nf6+* Discovered Attack *Rxf6 26.Rxd8+ Kh7 27.Rc8+-)* 24.Nxd4 Re5]
23.Kxf2+-
[23.Nb6? Rxb6 24.Qxf2 Rxb4 25.Nxe5 Nxe5 26.dxe5 Qxd1 27.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 28.Kh2 Rd7-+]
23...e4
[23...Qxd5? 24.dxe5 Rc6 25.Qe2+-]
24.Nb6 Rxb6 25.axb6 exf3 26.Kxf3
[26.Qc7 Qd5 27.gxf3 Qg5=]
26...Qd6 27.Qc7 Threatens to win with Re1-e8+! **27...Qf6+ 28.Kg3 Rd7**



29.Qb8+ 1.54/23
[29.Qxd7? Qf4#]

[29.Re8+ Kh7 30.Qc1 *(30.Qxd7? Qf4#)* 30...Qd6+ 31.Kf2 Qh2±]
[White should try 29.Rf1!+- 1.96/23 Qe6 *(29...Rxd4? 30.Rxf6 gxf6 31.Rxd4+-)* 30.Qc8+ Nf8 31.Rfe1 Qd6+ 32.Kf2]
29...Kh7± 30.Kh2 Qxb6 31.Qe8 Qd6+ 32.Kh1 White is more active. **32...Nf4** 1.81/22 Dodges d4-d5
[32...Qd5± 1.12/21 33.Qe4 Qxe4 34.Rxe4 f5]
33.Qe4+ 1.20/22
[Better is 33.d5+- 1.81/22]
33...g6



34.d5! Nh5 35.Qe5 Qxb4 36.Rc1 1.02/22
[⌓36.d6 1.50/21]
36...Ng7 1.56/21
[⌓36...Qf4 1.02/22]
37.Red1 0.78/21
[⌓37.d6 1.56/21]
37...Qa4? 2.57/20
[37...Re7± 0.78/21 might work better. 38.Rc4 Qa3]
38.d6+- Strongly threatening Rd1-f1.
38...Ne6? 3.77/20
[38...Qb3 2.16/20 was worth a try. 39.Rd5 f6]
39.Re1 Qh4 5.89/22 Prevents Qe5-f6
[39...Rd8 2.83/22 is more resistant. 40.Qf6 Qf4 41.Rxe6 Qxf6 *(41...Qxc1+? perishes. 42.Kh2+-)* 42.Rxf6 Kg7]
40.Rc8 Ng7 41.Rec1 3.04/22
[⌓41.Rc7 7.36/20 Rxc7 42.dxc7]
41...Qg5? 5.92/21
[41...Qb4 3.04/22 42.R1c7 Qxd6 43.Qxd6 Rxd6 44.Rxf7 g5 45.Rxb7 h5]
42.Qxg5 hxg5 Endgame. KRR-KRN
43.R8c7 Rxd6 44.Rxf7 Kh6 7.91/23
[⌓44...Rc6 4.10/22 45.Rxc6 bxc6]
45.Rcc7 g4 46.Rxg7 g3 47.Rh7+
[47.Rxb7? Rd1#]
47...Kg5 48.Rc1 Dodges Rd6-d1+
[48.Rxb7? Rd1#]
48...b5 49.Ra7 b4 50.Rb7 Rd4 51.Rb6 Kf4 52.Rxa6 Ke3 53.Ra2 Rd2 54.Rxd2 Kxd2 55.Rc6 White mates.
55...b3 56.Rxg6 b2 57.Rb6
[57.Rxg3? is the wrong capture. b1Q+ *(57...b1B? loses. 58.h4+-)* 58.Kh2 Qb8-+]
57...Kc2 58.h4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.54
1-0

91 **A06**
□ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2740**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
Tata Steel India Blitz (5) 03.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

A06: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 **1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 e6 7.d3 Bd6 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Ne5 Rc8!** The position is equal. outshines the older 9...Qc7. erfolgreicher als das alte 9...Dc7.
10.Nd2N b5N

[Vorgänger: 10...0-0 11.f4 Nd7 12.Qg4 *(12.Nxc6 Rxc6 13.Qg4 Nf6 14.Qg3 Qe7 15.c4 Ne8 16.Qf3 Nc7 17.e4 dxe4 18.dxe4 e5 19.f5 Ne8 20.Nb1 Nf6 21.Bc1 b5 22.cxb5 Rb6 23.Nc3 h6 24.g4 c4 25.g5 hxg5 26.Bxg5 cxb3* 1-0 Deac,B (2693)-Acosta,P (2485) FIDE World Cup Baku 2023 (2.2)*)* 12...g6 0.39/17 *(12...Nxe5=* -0.07/17 *13.fxe5 Be7)* 13.Ndf3± Qe7 0.57/17 *(13...d4=* 0.17/18 is superior.*)* 14.Ng5 Strongly threatening Ne5xc6. f5 15.Qg3 -0.17/19 *(15.Qh4±* 0.59/19 *Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.fxe5)* 15...Nxe5= 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.fxe5 1-0 (37) Nakamura,H (2736)-Grigoriants,S (2542) Chess.com INT 2020]

11.c4 Black should prevent Ne5xc6. **11...a6 12.Nxc6 Rxc6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.a4** Threatens to win with a4xb5. **14...0-0 15.axb5 axb5 16.Qf3 Qc7 17.g3 Be5 18.Rfb1 h6 19.Qe2 Rb8 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.d4 Qf5**

[Reject 21...cxd4 22.Nf3 Qh5 23.Nxd4 Qxe2 24.Nxe2±]

22.dxc5 Rxc5 23.Rc1 Rc2 24.Qf3 Qd3 25.Rxc2 Qxc2 26.Qd1 Rc8 27.Qxc2 Rxc2 28.Rd1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.07 (flawless) /Black=0.07 (flawless)

½-½

92 **D02**

□ **Vidit,Santosh Gujrathi** **2730**

■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**

Tata Steel India Blitz (1) 03.12.2022

[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4N**

[3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Bd5 *(11...Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Qf6 19.Qxb7 a5 20.Rc1 a4 21.Rc6 Bd6 22.Nc5 Qe7 23.Qxe7 Bxe7 24.Nd7 Rfd8 25.Nxe5 Rd1+ 26.Bf1* ½-½ 10. ♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th Hamburgo 1999 (6.2)*)* 12.e3 f5 13.Ned2 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 D 02/08 2003]

[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.f4 c5 12.Qe1 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb4 14.a3 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 Ne4 16.Qe3 f6 17.Rac1 Qd8 Savchenko,B (2569)-Caruana,F (2620) 102/(304) Plovdiv 2008]

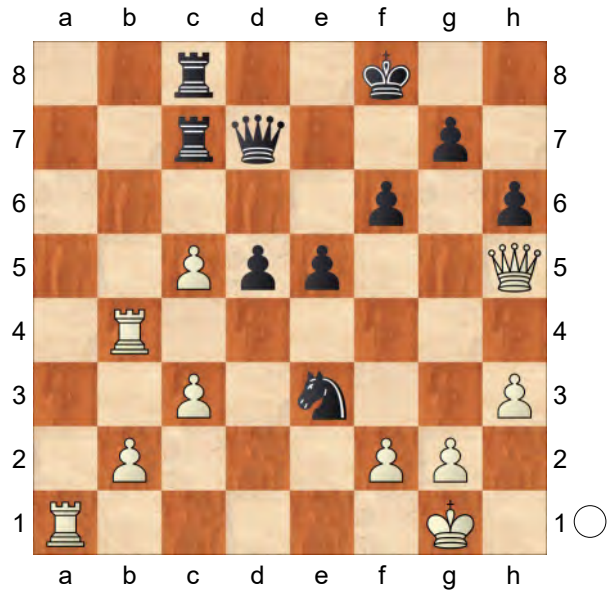
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Be2 Nc6 11.0-0 b6 The Rest 65-N,N On the way to the Queen's Gambit Declin Rašt The]

3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 cxd4 6.exd4 Qb6 7.Nb3 Bf5! is recently more successful than 7...Bg4. ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7...Lg4. **8.c3** Dodges Nc6-b4. White is slightly better. **8...e6 9.a4** And now a4-a5 would win. **9...a6 10.a5 Qd8 11.Be2 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1 Re8 14.Ne5 Nxe5N**

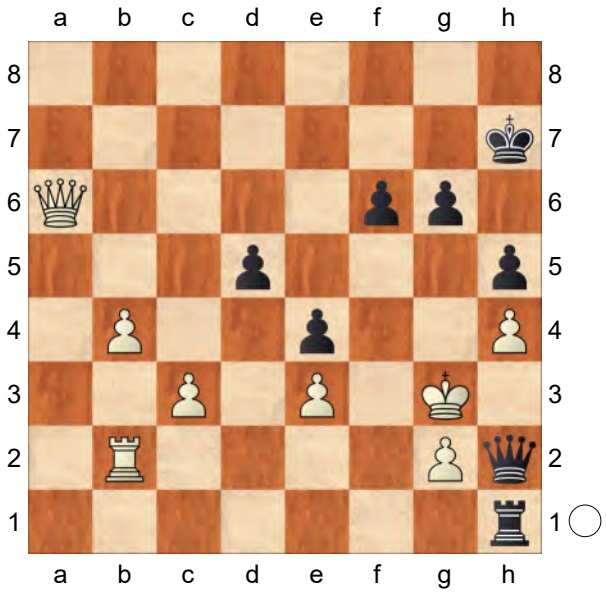
[Vorgänger: 14...h6 15.h3 Rc8 16.Nxc6 Rxc6 17.Nd2 Nd7 18.Bf1 Bf8 19.Qb3 Qc8 20.Bh2 Nf6 1-0 (73) Kamsky,G (2658)-Maghsoodloo,P (2698) Europe Echecs INT 2021]

15.Bxe5 Nd7 16.Bg3 h6 17.Bd3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 b5 19.axb6 Qxb6

20.Nd2 Qb5
[20...Qxb2? is the wrong capture. 21.Reb1+- *(21.Rxa6? Rxa6 22.Qxa6 Qxd2-+; 21.Rxa6? Rxa6 22.Qxa6 Qxd2-+)*]
21.Qc2 a5 22.Ra2 Rec8 23.Rea1 Nb6 24.h3 a4 25.Bf4 Bf6 -0.02/21
[25...Qe2∓ -0.38/21]
26.Be3
[26.Nf3 seems wilder. Nc4 27.Nd2 a3 28.Nxc4 Qxc4 29.Rxa3 Rxa3 30.Rxa3 Qxd4 31.Ra8]
26...Rab8 27.Qd1 Rb7 28.Qg4 Kh8 29.Qh5 Kg8 30.Qg4
[30.Ne4!? Be7□ 31.Nc5 Bxc5 32.dxc5=]
30...Kf8 31.Qh5 Rbc7 -0.03/20
[31...Qd3∓ -0.45/20]
32.Ne4= Threatens to win with Be3xh6!
32...Be7 33.Nc5 Bxc5 34.dxc5 Nc4 35.Bd4 Black should prevent f2-f4.
35...f6 0.57/24
[35...Nxb2? 36.Rb1+-]
[Black should try 35...e5!= 0.02/21]
36.Rxa4 0.08/23
[36.f4!± 0.57/24 feels stronger.]
36...e5! 37.Rb4 Qd7 38.Be3 Nxe3!



Remove Defender **39.fxe3 Rxc5 40.Kh2 Kg8 41.Ra6 Kh7 42.Rab6 Rc4 43.Rb7 R8c7 44.Rxc7 Rxc7** Endgame. KQR-KQR **45.Qd1 Qc6 46.Qd3+ e4 47.Qd4 Qd6+ 48.Kg1 Qg3 49.Ra4 Rb7 50.b4 Re7 51.Ra1**
[51.Qxd5? perishes. Qxe3+ 52.Kh2 Qf4+ *(52...Qxc3 53.Qc5∓)* 53.Kg1 Qc1+ 54.Kh2 Qxc3∓]
51...Re5 52.Qd2 Rg5 53.Kh1 Qb8 54.Rb1 Qb5 55.Kg1 h5 56.Rb2 Rf5 57.Qe2 Wards off Rf5-f1+ **57...Qa4** 1.89/26
[57...Qxe2= 0.10/26 and Black has nothing to worry. 58.Rxe2 Kg6]
58.Qc2? 0.09/23
[58.b5+- 1.89/26 Qa1+ 59.Kh2]
58...Qa7 59.Qd2 -5.99/28
[59.Qc1!= 0.21/25 and White stays safe.]
59...Qa1+-+ 60.Kh2 Rf1 (→ ...h5-h4) **61.Qe2 g6** aiming for ...Rf1-h1+. **62.h4 Rh1+** Black mates. **63.Kg3 Qg1 64.Qa6 Qh2+**



Deflection **65.Kf2 Qxh4+ 66.Ke2 Qe1#**
Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
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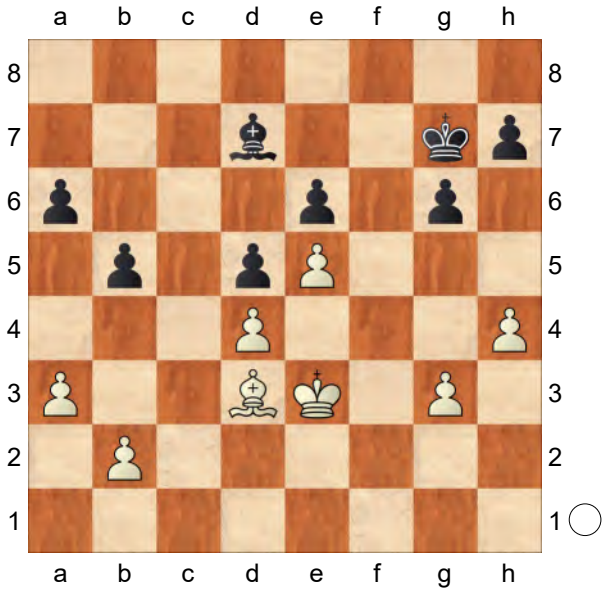
93 **C11**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**
Tata Steel India Blitz (2) 03.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C11: French: Classical System: 4 e5 and 4 Bg5 dxe4 **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e5**
[5.Be3 Bb4 6.e5 Nfd7 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 b6 9.f4 Ba6 10.Qg4 g6 11.Bd3 c5 12.Qd1 cxd4 13.cxd4 Qc8 14.Nf3 Nc6 15.0-0 Ne7 16.a4 Bc4 17.Bc1 Qc6 18.Qe1 Bxd3 19.cxd3 h5 1-0 6.♗f4 ♘bd7 7.e3_54520 (2569)-Jessup,D (2510) (ch) 44/42 Romania 1987 (1)]
5...Nfd7 6.f4N
[6.Nce2 b6 7.f4 Ba6 8.Nf3 c5 9.c3 Nc6 10.g4 cxd4 11.cxd4 Be7 12.Ng3 Bxf1 13.Kxf1 Qc8 14.Qe2 a5 15.Bd2 Caro Kann-5.♘f3 ♘gf6 6.♘g3 e6 7.î Survey 2019]
6...c5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 a6 10.a3 b5 0.43/18
[10...0-0= 0.06/17 is superior.]
11.dxc5± Nxc5 12.Qf2 White is slightly better. **12...Nd7 13.Bd3 Bb7** 0.79/18
[13...b4= 0.24/17 remains equal.]
14.0-0± 0-0 15.Ne2 f6 1.10/18
[Black should try 15...b4± 0.54/17]
16.exf6 0.68/18
[Better is 16.Qh4± 1.10/18 f5 17.Qf2]
16...Nxf6 1.09/17
[16...Rxf6± 0.68/18 feels stronger. 17.Qh4 h6]
17.Bc5 0.66/18
[White should play 17.Ned4± 1.09/17]
17...Bxc5 18.Qxc5 Rc8 19.Qe3 Wards off Nf6-e4. White is much more active. **19...Qd6 20.Ned4 Nxd4** 1.04/20
[20...Ne4± 0.62/20 is more appropriate.]
21.Qxd4 g6 22.Rae1 Rce8 1.51/19
[⌓22...Rb8 1.11/17 23.g3 Bc8]
23.g3 Nd7 24.Ne5 Qc5 25.c3 Qxd4+ 26.cxd4 Nxe5 27.fxe5 Rc8 28.h4 Bc6 1.58/25
[⌓28...Rc7 1.19/20 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8]
29.Rc1 Bd7 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8 31.Rxc8+ Bxc8 Endgame. KB-KB **32.Kf2 Kg7** 2.67/27
[⌓32...Ke7 1.78/26 33.Ke3 Bb7]
33.Ke3+- Hoping for Ke3-d2. **33...Bd7**



34.a4! Ke3-d2 would now be deadly.
34...bxa4 3.48/27
[⌓34...Kh6 2.22/24 35.a5 g5]
35.Bxa6 h5? 7.18/26
[35...g5 3.35/24 36.hxg5 Kg6]
36.Bd3 White is clearly winning.
36...Kh6 37.Kd2 g5 38.Kc3 gxh4 39.gxh4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.30
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94 **A34**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2722**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
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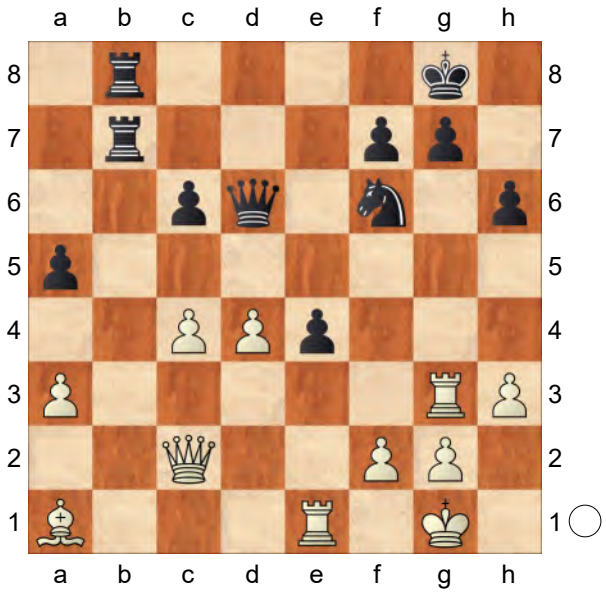
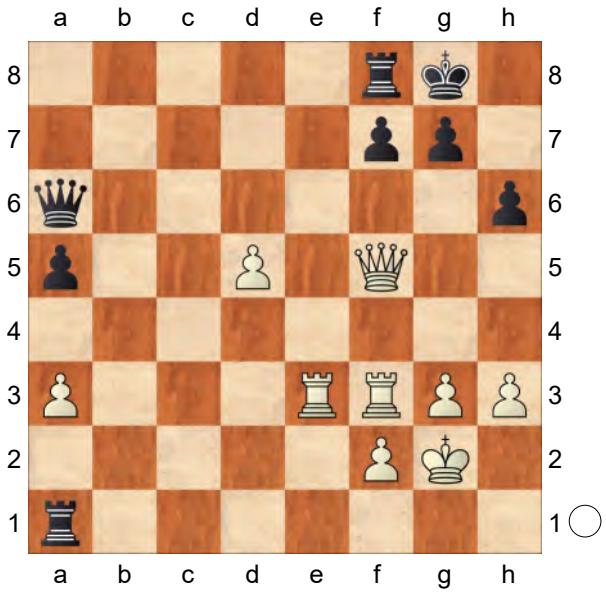
[Kitty Kat]

A34: Symmetrical English: 2 Nc3, lines with ...d5 **1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.e3 Nf6N**
[4...f5 5.d4 e4 6.d5 exf3 7.dxc6 dxc6 *(7...fxg2 8.cxd7+ Qxd7 9.Bxg2 Qxd1+ 10.Nxd1 Bd6 11.b3 Be5 12.Bb2 Bxb2 13.Nxb2* 3) Asymmetric Symmetry-1...c5 with 2...Nc6 and 3...e Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *)* 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.gxf3 Nf6 10.b3 Bd6 11.Bb2 Kc7 *(11...Ke7 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.h4 Rad8 14.Be2 g6 15.Na4 Rd7 16.f4 Rg8 17.Bf3 Ng4 18.Rd2* 3) Asymmetric Symmetry-1...c5 with 2...Nc6 and 3...e Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024 *)* 12.h4 g6 13.h5 Be6 14.Ne2 Be7 15.Nf4 Bf7 16.0-0-0 gxh5 17.Bd3 Bg6 18.Ne6+ 3) Asymmetric Symmetry-1...c5 with 2...Nc6 and 3...e Lifetime Repertoires: Modern Reti - Par 2024]
5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 e4 7.Ne5 Bb4 8.Be2 Qa5 9.Nxc6 dxc6 10.Bd2 0-0 11.0-0 Rd8 12.a3 White is slightly better. **12...Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Qg5** Hoping for ...Bc8-h3. **14.Qc1 Qh4 15.Qe3** 0.24/16
[15.Re1± 0.62/18 is superior.]
15...Bg4= 16.Rae1 Bxe2 17.Rxe2 h6 18.Rfe1 b5 0.48/21
[18...Re8= 0.08/20]
19.b3 0.02/21
[19.f3± 0.48/21 might be stronger.]
19...bxc4 20.bxc4 Rab8 21.Bb4 Rd7 22.h3 Rbb7 23.Rd2 Qh5 24.Qc3 Qg5 25.Re3? -1.61/20
[25.Rde2= 0.29/20 and White is okay.]
25...Qf4? 0.22/21
[25...a5!-+ -1.61/20 26.Bc5 Rb1+ 27.Kh2 Qf4+ 28.Rg3 Nh5 Pin]
26.Rd1 Qf5 27.Qe1 Qe6 28.Qe2 Qf5 29.Qc2 Qg5 30.Bc3 Qf5 1.81/23
[30...Qg6± 0.35/21]
31.Rde1 0.68/20
[31.f3+- 1.81/23]
31...Qe6 1.95/21
[31...Qg6!± 0.68/20]
32.Ba1+- Qd6 33.Qe2? 0.27/20
[White must play 33.f3!+- 2.10/21]
33...Rd8 34.Rg3 0.07/21
[34.f3± 0.59/21]
34...Rdb8= 35.Qc2 -0.33/18
[35.d5!± 0.40/23 cxd5 36.cxd5]
35...a5 0.51/23
[35...Nh5!∓ -0.33/18 36.c5 Qd5]



36.d5! 0.12/23 **cxd5 37.cxd5 Rb6** 1.34/24 Against Qc2-c6
[37...Nh5= 0.18/23 keeps the balance. 38.Qc6 Qxc6 39.dxc6 Nxg3 40.cxb7 Nf5]
38.Bxf6 Qxf6 39.Qxe4
[39.Rxe4 Rb1+ 40.Kh2 Qd6]

39...Rb2 40.Rf3 Qd6 41.Qf5 Rf8 42.g3 0.72/19
[⌓42.Rc3 1.22/22]
42...Ra2 1.51/21
[⌓42...a4 0.72/19]
43.Ree3 Qa6 44.Kg2 Black must now prevent Re3-e8! **44...Ra1**



45.Rd3 0.00/25
[45.Qd3!± 1.48/28 Qd6 46.Qc4]
45...Qc4 46.Qf4 -1.08/19
[46.Rfe3!= 0.00/23]
46...Qc2→ -0.27/22 Black attacks.
[46...Qb5∓ -1.08/19 (→ ...Qb5-b1) 47.g4 Qb1]
47.Rfe3? -5.38/18 Black continues to play with concentration.
[47.g4!= -0.27/22]
47...Qb1 48.Kf3 h5? -0.21/22
[48...Qh1+-+ -4.71/22 49.Ke2 *(49.Kg4? f5+-+* Deflection*)* 49...Qf1+ *(49...Qxh3 50.Qd4=)* 50.Kf3 Ra2 *(50...Qxh3 51.Qh4=)*]
49.Qd6? -3.56/20
[49.Qf5= -0.21/22]
49...Qh1+-+ 50.Kf4 Qxh3 And now ... Qh3-g4+ would win. **51.Ke4** -5.10/19
[⌓51.Qe7 -3.50/16 Qg4+ 52.Ke5]
51...Qg2+ 52.f3 -7.01/21
[⌓52.Kf5 -4.73/19 Rf1 *(52...Qxf2+ 53.Kg5∓)* 53.f4]
52...Rc1 ...Rc1-c4+ would now be deadly. **53.Kf4 Rg1 54.Kf5 Qh3+**
[54...Qxg3? 55.Qxg3 Rxg3 56.d6+-]
55.Ke4 Rxg3 56.Rc3 Rg5 57.Kd4 g6 58.f4 Qg4 -2.24/17
[⌓58...Qh4 -3.87/20 Strongly threatening ...Rg5-f5. 59.Kc5 Rf5]
59.Rg3? -4.77/24
[59.Kc5 -2.24/17 Rf5 60.Rg3 Rc8+ *(60...Qxf4 61.Qxf4 Rxf4 62.d6=)* 61.Kb6 Rxc3 *(61...Qxf4?* loses. *62.Rxc8+ Kh7 63.Qxf4+-)* 62.Rxc3 Qg1+ *(62...Rxf4 63.Qd8+ Kg7 64.Rc8=)* 63.Kb7]
59...Qd1+ Skewer
[59...Qxg3 60.Rxg3 Rxg3 61.f5-+]
60.Rgd3 Qg1+ 61.Re3 -6.12/17
[⌓61.Kc4 -4.33/19 Rf5 62.Qc7]
61...Rf5 Threatens to win with ...Rf8-e8.
62.Kc4 Qf1+ 63.Kb3 -9.75/19
[⌓63.Kc5 -4.59/19]
63...Rxf4 64.Ka2 Inhibits Qf1-b1+.
64...Rf2+ Weighted Error Value: White=0.92/Black=0.54
0-1

95 **E20**
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2722**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
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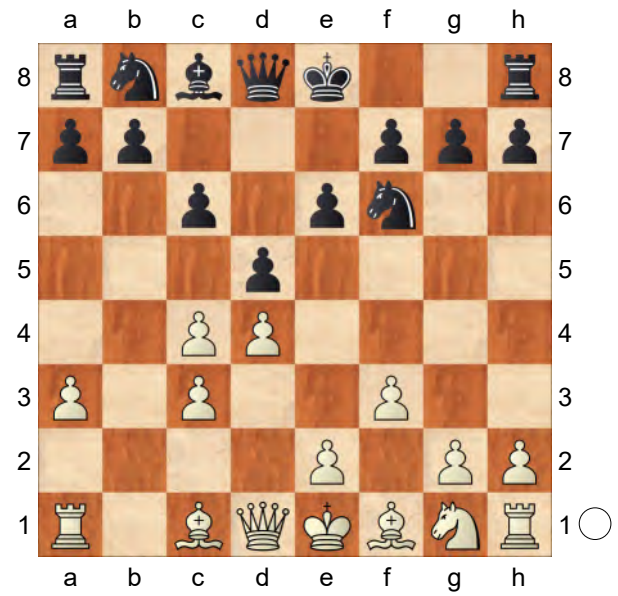
[Kitty Kat]

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c6**

(Diagram)

7.e4! dxe4 8.fxe4 e5! 9.Nf3 The position is equal. **9...Bg4** 0.30/17



[9...Qa5 -0.14/18 is more appropriate.]

10.Qd3 exd4N

[10...Nbd7 11.dxe5 Nh5 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 Qb6+ 14.Rf2 Rfe8 15.Be3 Qc7 16.c5 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Nxe5 18.Qc2 Ng6 19.Kh1 Nhf4 20.Bc4 Rad8 21.Rd1 Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1 Rd8 23.Rd2 Rxd2 24.Qxd2 Kf8 25.Bf2 1-0 Erigaisi,A (2689)-Parligras,M (2576) Olympiad-44 Chennai 2022 (5.3) h5 26.h4 Ne6 27.Kg2 Ngf4+ 28.Kf1 Qe5 29.Qd6+ Qxd6 30.cxd6 b6 31.Bg3 f6 32.Kf2 Ke8 33.Ke3 Ng2+ 34.Kf2 Ngf4 35.Bf1 Kd7 36.Ke3 g5 37.hxg5 fxg5 38.e5 h4 39.Bh2 b5 40.Ke4 1-0 Erigaisi,A (2701)-Matlakov,M (2662) Airthings Masters Play In Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (5)]

11.cxd4 c5! 12.d5 aiming for e4-e5.

[12.dxc5 0-0∓]

12...0-0 13.Be2 0.26/19

[13.h3± 0.63/18 Bh5 14.e5]

13...Re8 14.e5 Bxf3 Remove Defender **15.Qxf3 Rxe5 16.Bb2 Re8 17.0-0 Nbd7 18.Bd3**

[18.Bd1 simplifies Qe7 19.Rb1 Nb6 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Rxf6 Re1+ 23.Kf2]

18...Qe7 19.Qf5 -0.86/22

[19.Rad1= -0.16/17 keeps the balance.]

19...Qe3+∓ 20.Kh1 Ne5 -0.01/21 Against Rf1-f3

[20...g6∓ -0.81/20 21.Qf3 Qxf3 22.gxf3 Re3]

21.Bc2⇄ Threatens to win with Ra1-e1. White puts up resistance **21...Neg4** White should prevent ...Qe3-h6. **22.h3 Qh6** Hoping for ...Ng4-e3. **23.Bc1** A strong pair of Bishops. **23...Ne3** 1.14/20

[23...Re3= -0.01/20 24.Kg1 *(24.Bxe3 Nxe3 25.Qf2 Nxf1=)* 24...g6]

24.Qf3± White has strong compensation. **24...Re5?** 3.33/19

[24...Nfg4± 1.11/19 was necessary.]

25.Rb1? 0.01/19

[White should try 25.d6+- 3.33/19]

25...b6? 3.88/22

[25...Rae8!= 0.01/19 26.d6 Qh4 *(26...b6? 27.d7+-)* 27.Bxe3 *(27.d7 Nxf1 28.dxe8Q+ Rxe8∓)* 27...Rxe3 28.Qxb7 g6 *(28...Qxc4? 29.Bb3+-* Skewer *)*]

26.d6+- Rf8 27.Rb3? -0.21/21

[27.Re1+- 5.04/20]

27...Nfg4= Really sharp! **28.d7?** -1.78/21

[28.Be4? Rxe4 *(28...Qxd6 29.Bxe3 Rxe4 30.hxg4±)* 29.Qxe4 Nxf1-+ *(29...Qxd6? 30.Qf4+-)*]

[28.Rg1= -0.01/20]

28...Qe6-+ 29.hxg4 -2.32/22

[29.Rd3∓ -1.52/18 Rd8 *(29...Qxc4? 30.d8Q+-)* 30.Bxe3 Nxe3 31.Rf2]

29...Nxc2

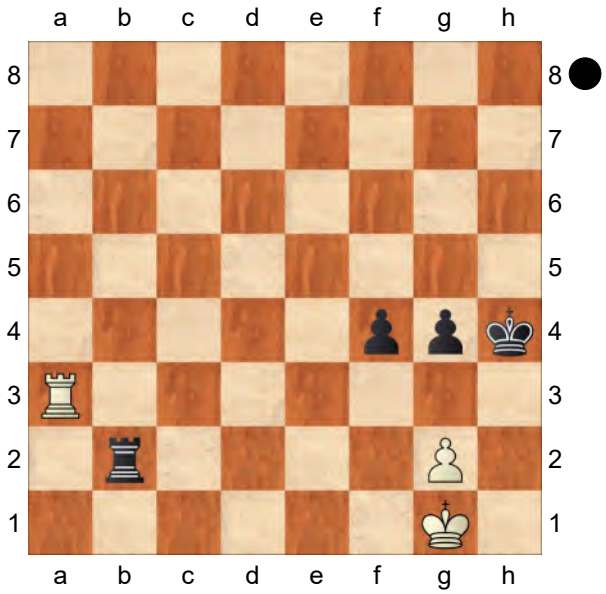
[29...Nxf1 30.Qd3 Rd8 *(30...Ng3+? 31.Kh2+-)* 31.Qxh7+ Kf8 32.Bf5±]

30.Bb2 Nd4 31.Bxd4 cxd4 32.Qf4

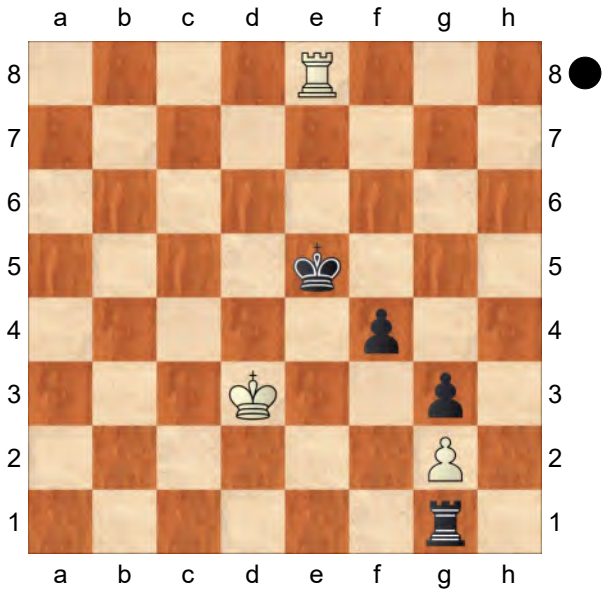
-3.42/21
[⌓32.Qb7 -2.18/20 Qxc4 33.Rbf3]
32...Re1? -0.04/22
[32...Qxc4? is the wrong capture. 33.Rbf3 Rd5 34.Rc1+-]
[32...Rd8-+ -3.42/21 33.Qxd4 Rxd7 *(33...Qxd7? 34.Qxe5 Qd4 35.Qxd4+-)*]
33.Rxe1= Qxe1+ Endgame. KQR-KQR
34.Kh2 Rd8 ...Qe1-e7 is the strong threat. **35.Qxd4 Qh4+ 36.Rh3 Qe7** 7.16/23
[36...Qf6= 0.01/24 37.Qe4 Qd6+ 38.Kg1 Kf8 *(38...Rxd7? too greedy. 39.Qxh7+ Kf8 40.Qh8+ Ke7 41.Re3++-)*]
37.Rd3? 0.01/21
[37.Re3!+- 7.16/23 Kf8 38.Rxe7 Kxe7 39.Qe5+ *(39.Qxg7 Rxd7 40.Qe5+ Kf8+-)* 39...Kxd7 40.Qxg7]
37...h6 38.a4 Qh4+ 39.Rh3 Qe7 40.Rd3 Kf8 41.a5 Qc5 42.axb6 axb6 43.Qxc5+ bxc5 KR-KR **44.Rd5 Ke7 45.Rxc5 Rxd7 46.g5 hxg5 47.Rxg5 Kf6 48.Ra5 Rd3 49.Ra6+ Kg5 50.Ra7 Kg6 51.c5 Rc3 52.Rc7 f5 53.c6 f4 54.Rc8 Kg5 55.c7 Kg4 56.Ra8 Rxc7 57.Ra4 Rc2 58.Ra7 g6 59.Ra6 g5 60.Ra4 Kh4 61.Rb4 Re2 62.Ra4 Kh5 63.Kg1 Rb2 64.Rc4 Kg4 65.Rc3 Rb1+ 66.Kf2 Rb2+ 67.Kg1 Re2 68.Ra3 Re3 69.Ra5 Kh4** ...g5-g4 would now be deadly. **70.Kf2 Rb3 71.Ra8?** -5.47/29
[71.Ra4!= -0.29/30 and White is okay.]
71...Rb2+-+ 72.Kg1 g4! (→ ...Kh4-g3) **73.Ra3**

(Diagram)

Rb1+! 74.Kf2 g3+ 75.Kf3 Rf1+ 76.Ke4 Kg4? -0.01/24



[76...f3-+ -6.74/27 77.Rxf3 Rf2 78.Rf4+ Kg5]
77.Ra8= Re1+ 78.Kd3 Rg1 79.Rg8+? -6.54/31
[79.Ke4= -0.01/32]
79...Kf5-+ 80.Rf8+ Ke5 81.Re8+



Kd5? 0.00/26
[81...Kf6!-+ -5.77/28 82.Rf8+ Ke5 83.Re8+ Kf6 84.Rf8+ Ke5]
82.Rd8+= Ke6 83.Re8+? -6.79/28
[83.Ke4= 0.00/23]
83...Kf7-+ Black is clearly winning.
84.Re4 Rf1 85.Re2 Kf6 86.Ra2 Kf5

And now ...f4-f3 would win. **87.Ra8** -9.89/24
[⌓87.Ra5+ -5.05/25 Kg4 88.Ra8]
87...f3 88.Rf8+ Ke5 89.Re8+ Kd6 Quite a comeback for Black. Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/Black=0.34
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96 **D31**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2722**
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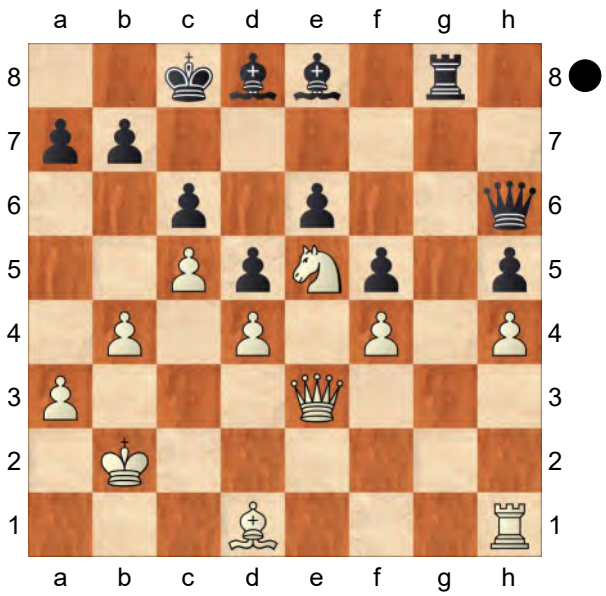
[Kitty Kat]

D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.b3 Bb4**
[5...Nbd7 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.c5 Bc7 9.f4 b6 10.cxb6 Bxb6 11.Nf3 c5 12.0-0 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb7 14.Na4 Ne4 15.b4 Bc7 ½-½ (39) Maghsoodloo,P (2720)-Erigaisi,A (2718) Kolkata 2022]
6.Bb2 Ne4 7.Qc2 f5N 0.48/19 Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
[7...e5!= -0.01/21 was preferrable. 8.dxe5 *(8.Bd3 exd4 9.exd4 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 dxc4 11.Bxb4 Qxd4 12.0-0-0 cxd3 13.Qxd3 Qxd3 14.Rxd3 Na6 15.Ba3 c5 16.Ne2 0-0 17.Nf4 Bf5* D 31/30-N,N 2003*)* 8...d4 9.exd4 Qxd4 10.Rc1 Qxe5 D 31/30-N,N 2003]
8.Bd3 Qg5 White is slightly better. **9.f4 Qh4+N**
[Vorgänger: 9...Qe7 0.76/23 9…Qg5-h4+ 0.38 10.Nf3 0-0 11.0-0 Nd7 12.a3 Bd6 13.g4 0.36/20 *(13.Ne5± 0.74/19)* 13...fxg4 0.81/21 *(13...a5± 0.36/20)* 14.Ne5 0.37/20 *(*Better is *14.Bxe4± 0.81/21 Nf6 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Bd3 gxf3 17.Rxf3)* 14...Nef6 1.02/18 *(14...Ndf6± 0.37/20)* 15.Qg2 c5 1-0 (37) Akshayraj,K (2454)-Zinchenko,Y (2544) Rethymno 2012]
10.g3 Qh5 11.Be2 Qh6 12.Bf3 -0.20/20
[12.Nf3± 0.31/18]
12...Nd7= 13.Nge2 Ndf6 14.a3
[14.Nc1 is interesting. Ng4 15.Nd3 Nxe3 16.Qc1]
14...Bd6 15.h3 g5 16.0-0-0 -1.78/17
[16.Bxe4∓ -0.33/17 fxe4 17.0-0-0]
16...Nf2-+ 17.Kb1 Bd7 18.Bc1 gxf4 19.exf4 Nxd1 20.Nxd1 Qg6 21.Nf2 Ne4 22.Nd3 h5
[22...Nxg3? 23.Rg1+-]
23.Ne5 Qg7
[But not 23...Bxe5 24.fxe5 0-0-0 *(24...Nxg3 25.Rg1∓)* 25.Rg1∓]
24.Rg1 0-0-0 25.c5 Bc7 26.b4 Rdg8 27.h4 Be8 28.Be3 Rh7 29.Kb2 Qf8 30.Bd2 Rhg7 31.Be1 Bd8 32.Rh1 Nxg3 -0.64/24
[32...Bf6-+ -1.74/18 Hoping for ...b7-b6. 33.a4 Rc7]
33.Nxg3 Rxg3 34.Bxg3 Rxg3 35.Qf2 Rg8 -0.45/21
[35...Qg8∓ -0.85/31 36.Nd3 Qg7]
36.Bd1 -1.12/20
[36.Rh2∓ -0.45/21]
36...Qh6 -0.51/20
[36...Qg7∓ -1.12/20 37.Kc2 Qg3 38.Qxg3 Rxg3]
37.Qe3 -1.24/20
[White should play 37.Kc2∓ -0.51/20]

(Diagram)

37...Rg2+ -0.86/24



[⩲37...Qg7! -1.24/20 White must now prevent ...Qg7-g2+. 38.Rh2 Qg1 39.Qxg1 Rxg1]

38.Kb3∓ Qg7 39.Nf3 -1.93/21

[39.Bf3∓ -0.93/20 was necessary. Rg3 40.Qf2]

39...Qg3 -1.51/19

[Black should try 39...Rg3-+ -1.93/21 aiming for ...Be8-d7. 40.Qxe6+ Bd7]

40.Qxe6+ Bd7 41.Qe3 Bc7

Black is much more active. **42.Rg1 Rxg1**

[42...Qxf4? loses. 43.Qxf4 Rxg1 44.Qd2+-]

(Diagram)

Deflection **43.Qxg1 Qxf4 44.Qg8+ Bd8 45.Qg5?** -11.80/22 **Bxg5**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

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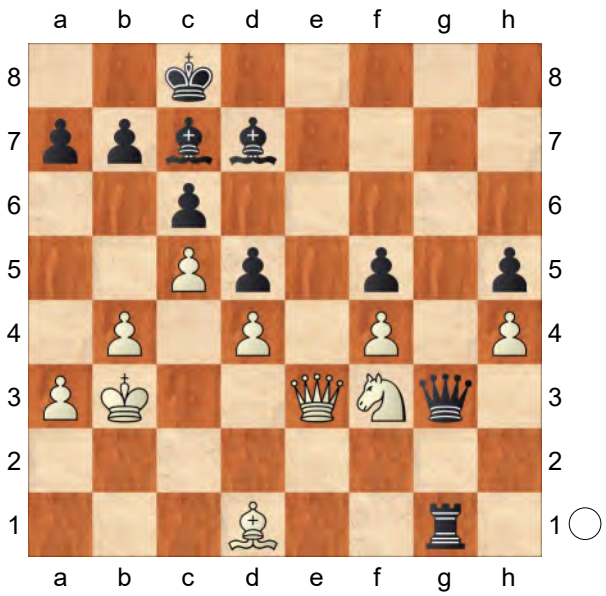


97 **E11**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2720**

■ **Gukesh,Dommaraju** **2725**

Tata Steel India Rapid (2) 29.11.2022

[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7N**

[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rd1 *(9.b3 Ne4 10.Nc3 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 f5 12.Rab1 Qe7 13.e3 b6 14.cxd5 Ba6 15.dxc6 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 Nf6 17.Nb5 Bc7 18.Nc4 a6 19.Nxc7 Qxc7 20.Ne5 Rfd8 21.Rc1* 1-0 Spies (2373)-12.b3 (2144) Dublin 1993 (5)) 9...Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zürich (rapid) 2009 Kh8 20.f3 Nf6 21.a4 Bxb4 22.Nxb4 Qxb4 23.Rab1 Qe7 24.a5 Rc8 25.cxd5 Nxd5 26.Qb3 Rc7 27.e4 Nf6 28.Re1 fxe4 29.fxe4 Nd7 30.Nd3 Bg6 31.Rf1 Rxf1+ 32.Rxf1 Kh7

33.Qc3 c5 34.Nf2 1-0 11...♕c7 12. ♘bd2 cd4 13.c,4 (2813)-Warlick,J (2727) (m/2) 94/(448) Chisinau 2005 (6)]

6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Nc3 Ne4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 The position is equal. **11.Ne5 f5 12.Bf4 Bf6 13.h4 Qe7 14.Qc1** 0.01/21

[14.Nxd7± 0.46/22 Qxd7 15.e3]

14...c5!= 15.e3 b6 16.Rd1 cxd4 17.exd4 Bb7 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.Be5 Rad8 20.Qf4 Bxe5 21.Qxe5 Qd6 22.Qxd6 Rxd6 23.c5 Rd5 With the idea ...Rf8-d8. **24.Rac1 Rfd8! 25.cxb6** -0.70/24

[25.f3!= -0.25/27 feels stronger.]

25...axb6∓ 26.Rc7 R8d7 27.Rxd7 Rxd7 Endgame. KRB-KRB **28.Bf1 Kf7 29.Rc1 Kf6**

[29...Rxd4? 30.Rc7+ Kf6 31.Rxb7+-]

30.Rc4 Bd5 31.Rb4 Rd6 32.a4 -0.87/25

[32.Bc4∓ -0.48/21 is more appropriate.]

32...h6 -0.30/22

[Black should play 32...f4∓ -0.87/25 33.gxf4 Kf5]

33.Bc4= g5 34.hxg5+ hxg5 35.Kf1 -1.20/24

[35.Bxd5∓ -0.70/26 Rxd5 *(35...exd5 36.Rb5=)* 36.Kf1]

35...f4∓

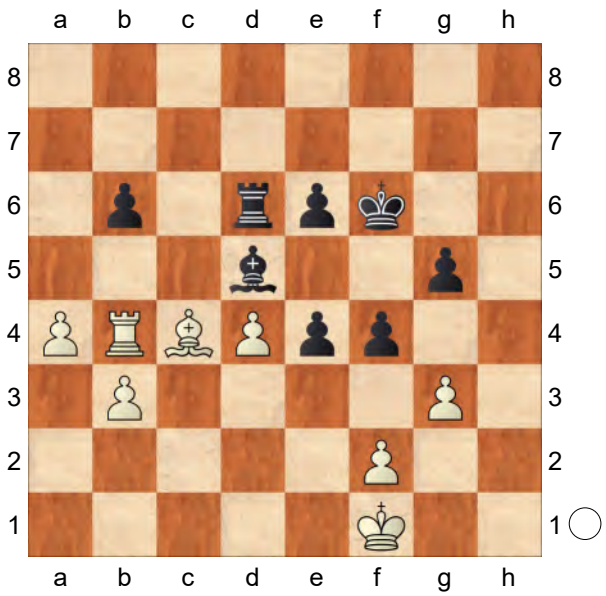
(Diagram)

Strongly threatening ...Kf6-f5. **36.gxf4?** -2.40/31

[36.g4∓ -0.77/26 was necessary.]

36...gxf4-+ 37.Ke2 Bxc4+ -0.21/21

[Black should try 37...Kf5-+ -2.91/25 White must now prevent ...Kf5-g4. 38.Bxd5 exd5]



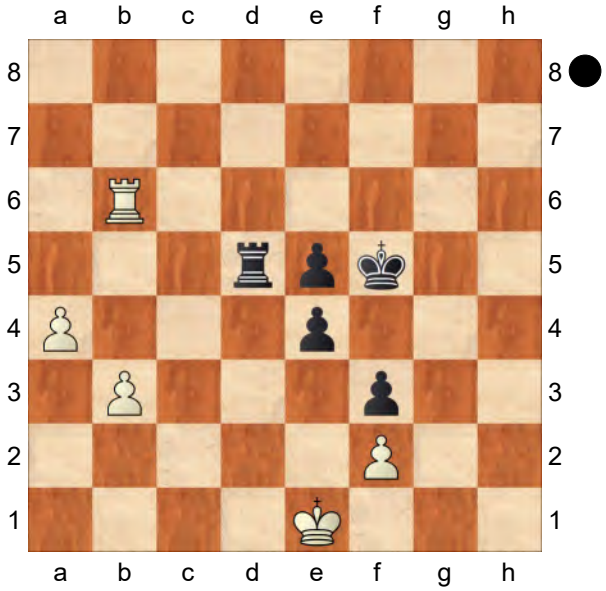
38.Rxc4 KR-KR **38...e5 39.d5** -3.02/27 **Kf5**

[39...Rxd5 40.Rxe4 Kf5 41.Rb4=]

40.Rc6? -6.20/24

[40.Rc7 -3.03/21 Rxd5 41.Rf7+ Ke6 42.Rb7]

40...Rxd5 41.Rxb6 f3+ 42.Ke1



e3? 0.00/36 **43.fxe3= Ke4 44.Rb5! Rd3**

[44...Rxb5 45.axb5 Kd5 46.e4+ Kd6 47.Kf2 Kc5 48.Kxf3 Kxb5 49.Kg4]

45.a5? -7.99/25 White is on the road to losing.

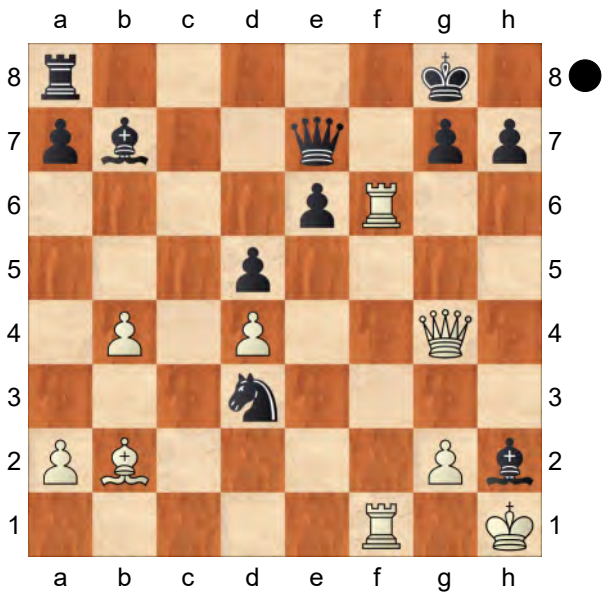
[45.Kf1= -0.03/27]
45...Rxe3+-+
[45...Kxe3 46.Rxe5+ Kf4 47.Re7=]
46.Kf1 Rc3 47.a6 Rc1+ 48.Kf2 Rc2+ 49.Kf1 Ra2 50.Rb4+ Ke3 51.Ra4 Rh2 52.Kg1 Prevents Rh2-h1+ **52...f2+ 53.Kxh2 f1Q** KQ-KR
[53...f1R 54.a7 Rf8 55.a8Q *(55.a8B Rb8+-)* 55...Rxa8 56.Rxa8 e4 57.Kg3 Kd4 58.Rc8]
54.a7 Qf2+ 55.Kh3 Qf3+ 56.Kh4 Qa8 And now ...Ke3-f3 would win. **57.b4 e4** -7.70/20
[⌓57...Kf4 -#12/20 58.b5+ e4 59.Kh5 Qg8 60.Rxe4+ Kxe4 61.a8R Qxa8 62.Kg6 Ke5 *(62...Qe8+* gets mated. *63.Kf6 Qe5+ 64.Kg6 Qe6+ 65.Kg7 Kf5 66.Kh7 Qf7+ 67.Kh8 Kg6 68.b6 Qh7#)* 63.Kg7 Kf5 *(63...Qb7+ 64.Kg6 Qb6+ 65.Kg7 Qf6+ 66.Kg8 Qg6+ 67.Kf8 Ke6 68.b6 Qf7#)* 64.b6 Qb7+ 65.Kh6 Qf7 66.b7 Qg6#]
58.b5 Kf4 Black mates. **59.Kh5 Kf5 60.Kh6 Qh8#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/Black=0.47
0-1

98 **D31**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2720**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2718**
Tata Steel India Rapid (7) 01.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nf6 5.b3 Nbd7**
[5...Bb4 6.Bb2 Ne4 7.Qc2 f5 8.Bd3 Qg5 9.f4 Qh4+ 10.g3 Qh5 11.Be2 Qh6 12.Bf3 Nd7 13.Nge2 Ndf6 14.a3 Bd6 15.h3 g5 16.0-0-0 Nf2 17.Kb1 Bd7 18.Bc1 gxf4 19.exf4 Nxd1 20.Nxd1 0-1 Lunacek,J (2719)-6.♘a3 cd4 7.cd4 ♗d7 (2722) 54/146 Barcelona 1992 (7)]
6.Bb2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.c5N
[8.Nge2 e5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.h3 a6 12.Bc2 b5 13.Nf4 Bb7 14.0-0 Ng6 15.Nce2 Re8 16.Qd2 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qd4 Bf8 19.Rfd1 Qxd4 20.Rxd4 Rec8 21.Rd7 Bc6 22.Rd2 Nxf4 ½-½ Tardif,O (2460)-4. ♘c3 ♘d4 5. ♗d3_35792 (2470) Leningrad 48/(118) 1989 (7)]
8...Bc7 next ...e6-e5 is good for Black.
9.f4 b6 10.cxb6 Bxb6 11.Nf3 c5 12.0-0 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb7 14.Na4 Ne4 15.b4 Bc7 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.fxe5 f6 18.Qg4 0.27/21
[White should try 18.Qc2± 0.82/21]
18...Qe7= 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.exf6 -0.22/21
[20.dxc5 fxe5 *(20...Bxe5 21.Bxe5 fxe5 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.Rf1∓)* 21.Rxf8+ Rxf8-+]
[20.bxc5± 0.48/24 f5 *(20...fxe5 21.dxe5 Qxc5+ 22.Kh1±)* 21.Qd1]
20...Bxh2+ 21.Kh1!
[21.Kxh2? Qc7+ *(21...Rxf6? 22.bxc5 Bc6 23.Rxf6+-)* 22.Kg1 Nxd3-+]
21...Rxf6 22.Rxf6 -0.64/23
[22.bxc5= -0.25/23 Rh6 23.Bc1]
22...Nxd3∓ 23.Raf1

(Diagram)

h5 -0.03/22
[23...Nxb2?! 24.Kxh2 Nc4 *(24...Qxb4 25.Rf7 Qd6+ 26.Kg1 g6 27.Qh4 h5 28.Qf6* Double Attack*)* 25.Rf7 Qxf7 *(25...Qxb4 26.Qxg7#)*



26.Rxf7 Kxf7 27.Qf4+ Kg6 *(27...Ke8? 28.Qc7+-)* 28.Qc7=]

[Better is 23...Bf4!∓ -0.71/23 24.R1xf4 Nxf4 *(24...Nxb2? 25.Rf7+-)* 25.Rxf4 Ba6 *(25...Qxb4 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Bc1=)*]

24.Qg6→ Rf6-f7 would now be deadly. White attacks. **24...Bd6**

[24...Nxb2 25.Rf7 *(25.Kxh2? Ba6-+; 25.Kxh2 Ba6∓)*]

25.Kg1 Some like it hot **25...Nf4**

[25...Nxb2? is the wrong capture. 26.Rf7+- *(26.Rxe6 Qh4=; 26.Rxe6 Bh2+* Decoy *27.Kxh2 Qh4+ 28.Kg1 Qxd4+ 29.Kh2 Qh4+ 30.Kg1 Qd4+ 31.Kh2 Qh4+ 32.Kg1 Qd4+=)*]

26.R6xf4 Bxf4 27.Rxf4 Bc6 Black is weak on the dark squares

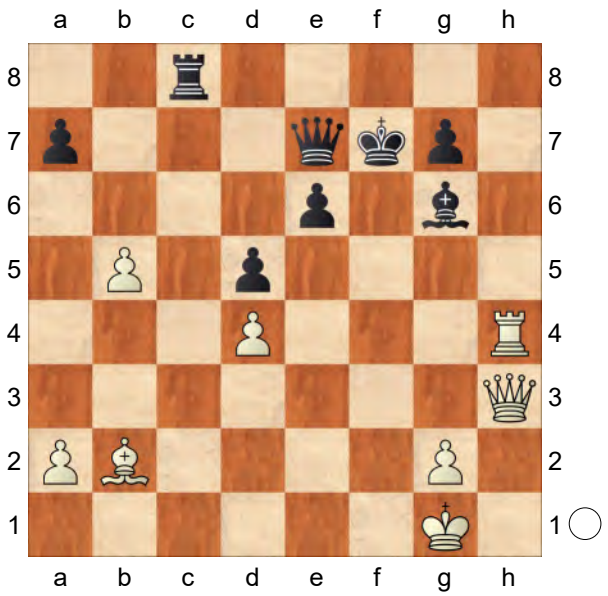
[27...Qe8 simplifies 28.Qxe8+ Rxe8 29.b5 Rf8]

28.Qxh5 Be8

[28...Rf8 seems wilder. 29.Rh4 Rf5 30.Qh8+ Kf7]

29.Qh3 Bg6 30.Rh4 Threatens to win with Rh4-h8+. **30...Kf7 31.b5 Rc8** 1.35/26

[31...Bf5= 0.00/23 32.Qg3 Qb4]



32.Ba3 0.00/26

[32.Rf4+!± 1.35/26 Kg8 33.Rh4]

32...Qf6 The position is equal. **33.Bc5 Bf5 34.Qg3 g5** Against Rh4-f4 **35.Rh5 Kg6 36.Rh4 Kf7 37.Rh5 Kg6 38.Rh4 Kf7 39.Rh5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)

½-½

99 **D02**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2660**

■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2703**

Tashkent Kasimdzhanov Cup-A 1st (8)

[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4N**

[3.g3 c5 *(3...g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Nxc6 bxc6* 28) 1.d4 d5 - Remaining Nonse-3.g3 & 6.b3*)* 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2

0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ½-½ 10. ♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th Hamburgo 1999 (6.2)]

[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]

[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Rac1 Qe7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Bb8 15.Ne5 Nf8 16.Qh5 f6 17.Nc4 Nb4 0-1 Laxman,R (2378)-Swayham,P (1902) Bikaner op 1st 2022 (1)]

3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 e6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bg3 0-0 8.Bb5 Bxg3 9.hxg3 Qb6 10.Qa4 The position is equal. **10...cxd4 11.exd4 Bd7 12.0-0 Ne5 13.Bxd7 Nexd7 14.Qc2 h6 15.a4 a6 16.a5 Qc7 17.Ne1 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Nef3 Nxf3+ 20.Nxf3 Rfe8 21.Qb3 g6 22.Rfe1 Kg7 23.Nd4 h5 24.Qb4 Rxe1+** 0.32/19

[24...Rac8= -0.12/21 deserves consideration.]

25.Rxe1± Re8 Against Re1-e7 **26.Rxe8 Nxe8±** Endgame. KQN-KQN **27.Nc2! Nf6 28.Ne3** Repels Nf6-g4 **28...Qe5 29.Qxb7 d4 30.cxd4 Qxa5 31.Qb3** White is more active. **31...Qe1+ 32.Nf1 a5 33.f3 Qe2** 1.22/22

[33...Qc1± 0.68/22]

34.Qc3 a4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.10 (very precise)

½-½

100 **B97**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**

■ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2747**

EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen (5.1) 07.10.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qb6 8.Nb3 Nbd7 9.Qe2! im Vergleich zu 9. Qf3 vielversprechender. **9...Qc7 10.0-0-0 b5 11.a3 Be7 12.Kb1 Bb7 13.Qe1N**

[Vorgänger: 13.g4 0-0-0 14.Rg1 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Bg3 gxf4 17.Bxf4 Ne5 18.h3 Kb8 19.Bg2 0-1 (44) Afanasiev,N (2521)-Kozionov,K (2458) Moscow 2019]

13...Rc8 14.Bd3 Nc5 15.Nxc5 dxc5 16.e5 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Be4 Rd8 20.f5 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 0-0 22.f6 gxf6 23.Qh4 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Rd8 25.Rf1 Kh8 26.Rf3 Rd4 27.Qh5 Qf8 28.exf6 Rd5 29.Qh4 h5 30.Qf4 Rf5 31.Qc7 Rxf3 32.gxf3 Kh7 33.Qe7 Qg8 34.Qxc5 Qg6 35.h4 Qxf6 36.Qxh5+ Kg7 37.a4 bxa4 38.Qg4+ Kh6 39.Ka2 Qe5 40.Qxa4 Qd5+ 41.c4 Qxf3 42.Qxa6 Qe4 43.b4 f5 44.c5 f4 45.c6 f3 46.c7 Qc2+ 47.Ka3 Qc3+ 48.Ka4 Qc2+ 49.Kb5 Qd3+ 50.Ka5 Qa3+ 51.Kb6 Qxb4+ 52.Kc6 Qc3+ 53.Kd7 Qg7+ 54.Kd6 Qf8+ 55.Kxe6 f2 56.Kd7+ Kh5 57.Qe2+ Kxh4 58.c8Q f1Q 59.Qcc4+ Q1f4 60.Qf2+ Kg5 61.Qg1+ Kh4 62.Qh2+ Kg5 63.Qg2+ Kh4 64.Qf2+ Kg5 65.Qfxf4+ Qxf4 66.Qxf4+ Kxf4

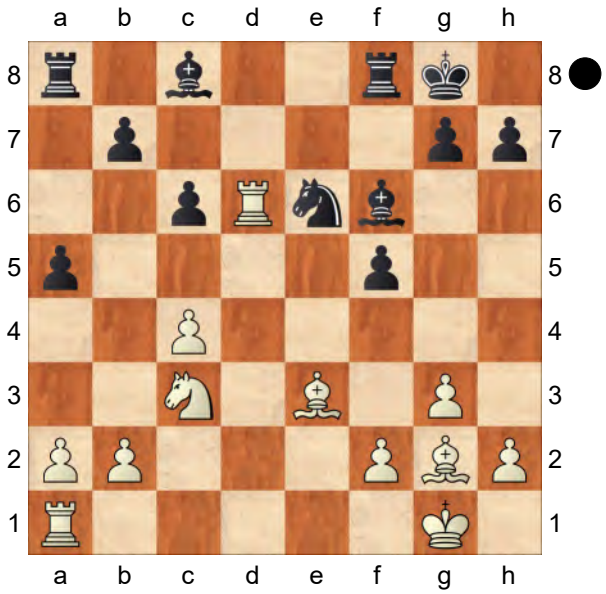
½-½

101 **E06**
□ **Iturrizaga Bonelli,Eduardo** **2626**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
Aimchess Play In m rapid (1.1) 12.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

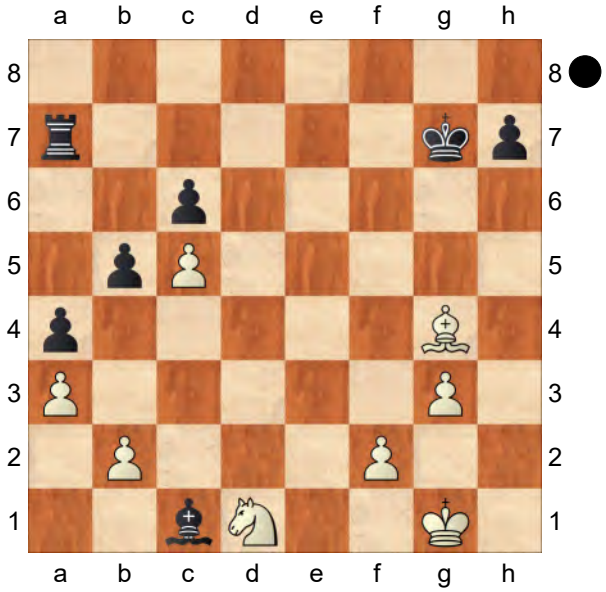
E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.c4 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Nc3 a5 8.Nd2N
[8.Qd3 b6 9.b3 Ba6 10.e4 b5 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.e5 dxc4 13.Qf3 Nd5 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Rd1 Qc7 16.Nde4 Rad8 17.Bg5 Bxg5 18.Nxg5 Nxc3 19.Qxc3 h6 20.Ne4 c5 21.f4 cxd4 22.Qxd4 Nb6 ½-½ Abreu Jean,C (2333)-Mendez Ramirez,V (2166) DOM-ch Santo Domingo 2023 (7)]
[8.a3 Nbd7 9.b3 b6 10.Bb2 Ba6 11.Nd2 Rc8 12.e4 b5 13.exd5 exd5 14.cxb5 cxb5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Nf6 17.Bg2 b4 18.Re1 bxa3 19.Bxa3 Bxa3 20.Rxa3 Qxd4 21.Rxa5 Bd3 22.Nc4 Rfd8 ½-½ Farionov,A (2684)-Roehrich,S (2721) 65/352 Belgrad 1995 (6)]
8...Nbd7 9.e4 Nxe4 The position is equal. **10.Ndxe4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 f5 12.Nc3 e5 13.Re1 exd4 14.Qxd4 Bf6 15.Qf4** -0.37/18
[15.Qd1± 0.43/20]
15...Nc5 Threatens to win with ...Nc5-d3. **16.Rd1 Qe7 17.Be3 Ne6** Dodges Be3-d4 **18.Qd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6**

(Diagram)

f4! 20.Bb6 a4! 21.a3 -0.67/22
[21.Rc1= -0.22/19 is superior.]
21...Be7 22.Rd2 Ra6 23.Bd4 Rd8 24.Rad1! fxg3 25.hxg3 Nxd4 26.Rxd4 Rxd4 27.Rxd4 Be6 28.Re4 Kf7 29.Bf1 Ra5 30.Bd3 Bf6 31.Rf4 g5



32.Rf3 Strongly threatening Nc3-e4! **32...g4 33.Rf4** And now Nc3-e4! would win. **33...Kg7** White must now prevent ... Bf6-e5. **34.Re4** -2.87/24 This costs White the game.
[34.Be2∓ -1.01/19]
34...Bf5-+ 35.Re3 Bd4 36.Bxf5 Bxe3 Endgame. KRB-KBN
[Not 36...Rxf5 37.Re2∓]
37.Bc8 Bc1 38.Nd1 b5 39.c5 Ra7 40.Bxg4



b4! 41.axb4 Bxb2 ...Bb2-d4 is the strong threat. Promotion **42.Be6?**

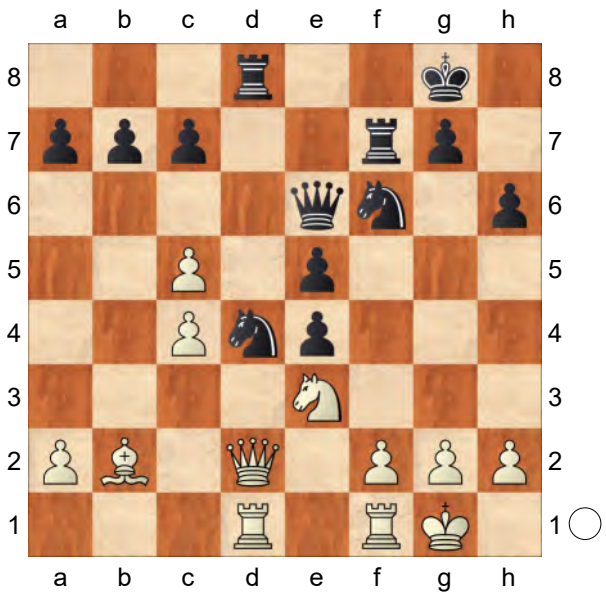
-6.52/21
[42.Nxb2? loses. a3 43.Nd3 a2-+]
[42.Ne3 -3.75/20]
42...a3 43.Ba2 Rb7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.34/Black=0.14 (very precise)
0-1

102 **A28**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,Rameshbabu** **2684**
Tata Steel India Blitz (12) 04.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

A28: English Opening: Four Knights Variation **1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3**
[4.a3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 *(5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.0-0 Nxc3 9.dxc3 0-0 10.Bg5 Qxd1 11.Rfxd1 h6 12.Be3 a5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.e4 a4 15.Bf1 Bg4 16.Kg2 Na5 17.Be3 c6 18.h3 Be6 19.Bb6 Nc4 20.Bxc4* ½-½ Locci,D-Romanishin,O Bratto op 2009 (1)) 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d5 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Nxe5 Nxc3 10.Nxc6 Nxe2+ 11.Qxe2 bxc6 12.Bxc6 Rb8 13.d3 Bh3 14.Re1 Rb6 15.Qc2 Be6 16.Be4 Qd7 17.Qc5 Bd4 18.Qa5 Rb5 ½-½ Ruck,R (2550)-Romanishin,O (2561) 11th GM Lippstadt GER 2003 (3)]
4...Bb4 5.Qc2 Bxc3N
[5...d5 6.Nxd5 Bd6 7.a3 0-0 8.Ng5 g6 9.h4 Bf5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 h6 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 f5 14.Qc2 e4 15.b4 Ne5 16.Nf4 Re8 17.c5 Bf8 18.Qb3+ Kh7 19.Bb2 Qd7 20.Bxe5 1-0 Curado,A (1655)-Costa,C Coimbra-chT 1995 (6) Rxe5 21.Rh3 a5 22.Rd1 axb4 23.axb4 Bg7 24.Rg3 Ra6 25.d3 exd3 26.Rxd3 Qe7 27.h5 g5 28.Ng6 Qe6 29.Nxe5 Qxe5 30.Kd2 Qa1 31.Ke2 f4 32.exf4 gxf4 33.Rh3 Qe5+ 34.Kf1 Qe8 35.Rd1 1-0 Shabanov,D-Shtyrenkov,V US op Boston 1964 Re6 36.Qc2+ Kh8 37.Qd2 Re4 38.Kg1 Bf6 39.Qd7 Qe5 40.Ra3 Bg7 41.Ra8+ Kh7 42.Qf7 1-0 Cuno,H-Boettcher,F ICCF World Cup6-7 prel-074 corr 1986]
6.bxc3 0-0 7.Be2 d6 8.e4 Ne8 9.d4 h6 10.0-0 White is slightly better. **10...f5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Ba3 Rf7** 0.67/19
[12...Nd6= 0.17/19]
13.Rad1± Qf6 14.c5 Rb8 15.Nd2 -0.01/19
[15.Rfe1± 0.85/18]
15...Be6 16.Bc4 -0.73/21
[16.exf5= 0.29/18 remains equal. Bxf5 17.Qb2]
16...Bxc4∓ 17.Nxc4 Qe6 18.Ne3 -0.76/19
[18.Nd2∓ -0.36/21 is superior.]
18...fxe4 19.c4 -1.91/21 Now White is beyond hope.
[19.Nd5∓ -0.47/18]
19...Nd4 20.Qd2 -2.63/19
[20.Qb2 -1.94/21 might work better.]
20...Nf6 21.Bb2 Rd8

(Diagram)

...Nd4-f3+! is the strong threat. **22.Qa5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.15 (very precise)
0-1



103 **A07**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Stevic,Hrvoje** **2549**
Bundesliga 2324 (15.3) 28.04.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A07: Réti Opening: New York and Capablanca Systems **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Bg4 3.Bg2 c6 4.h3 Bh5 5.c4 e6 6.d4N**

[6.0-0

A) 6...Nf6

A1) 7.d4 Nbd7 8.cxd5 *(8.Nc3 Bd6 9.Qb3 Rb8 10.Nd2 0-0 11.e4 dxe4 12.Ndxe4 Bc7 13.Be3 Bb6 14.Rfe1 Nxe4 15.Nxe4 Nf6 16.Nc5 Qe7 17.Qc3 Rfd8 18.b4 Bc7 19.a4 a6 20.Rab1 Bd6 21.b5 axb5 22.axb5 Bg6* 1-0 Warlick,J (2655)-Puccini,J (2554) 12/(156) Cande 2011 (6)) 8...exd5 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.Nc3 Nxe5 12.g4 Bg6 13.f4 Bc5+ 14.e3 Nc4 15.f5 Qe7 16.Kh1 0-0-0 17.e4 d4 18.Na4 Ne3 19.Bxe3 dxe3 20.Qf3 Bd4 21.Nc3 f6 ½-½ Livaic,L (2550)-Orozbaev,E (2376) Olympiad-45 Budapest 2024 (2.27);

A2) 7.d3 Be7 8.Qb3 Qb6 9.Be3 Qxb3 10.axb3 a6 11.g4 Bg6 12.Ne5 Nbd7 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Nc3 0-0 15.Rac1 Rfd8 Meier,G (2630)-Karjakin,S (2783) chess.com (blitz) 133/(6) 2017;

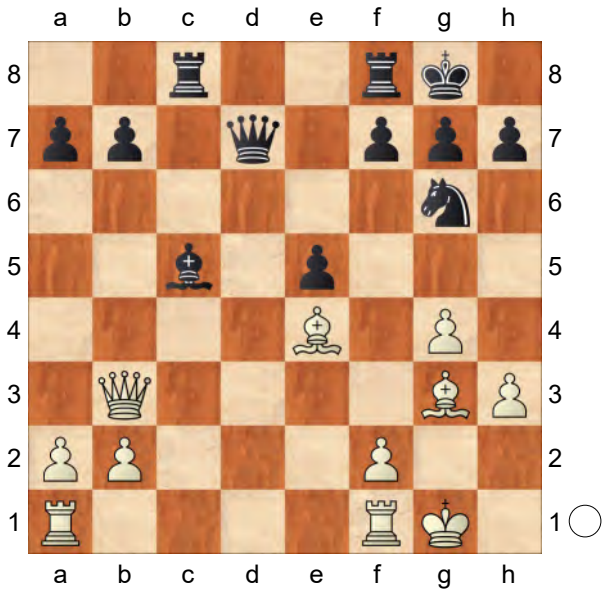
B) 6...Nd7 7.Qb3 *(7.cxd5 exd5 8.d3 Bd6 9.Nc3 Ne7 10.Qb3 Nc5 11.Qc2 0-0 12.e3 a5 13.Ne2 Bg6 14.Rd1 h6 15.Nf4 Bh7 16.b3 Ne6 17.Bb2 Nxf4 18.exf4 Re8 19.Qc3 Nf5 20.a3 Bf8 21.Re1 Qb6* 0-1 Kampal,T (2465)-Levitina,I (2679) (m/1) 78/295 Hamilton 2000 (5)) 7...Qb6 8.d3 dxc4 9.Qxc4 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Ne5 11.Qe4 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Nf6 13.Nd2 Be7 14.Nc4 Qd8 15.Bd2 0-0 16.b4 Nd5 17.Rab1 Bg5 18.Bxg5 Qxg5 19.d4 Rfd8 20.Rfd1 Qe7 ½-½ Sahraoui,S (2558)-Jones,S (2555) 42/259 Nikea 1986 (9.4)]

6...Nf6 7.Ne5!? An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **7...Nbd7 8.Nc3** The position is equal. **8...Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.cxd5! cxd5 11.0-0 Bc5N**

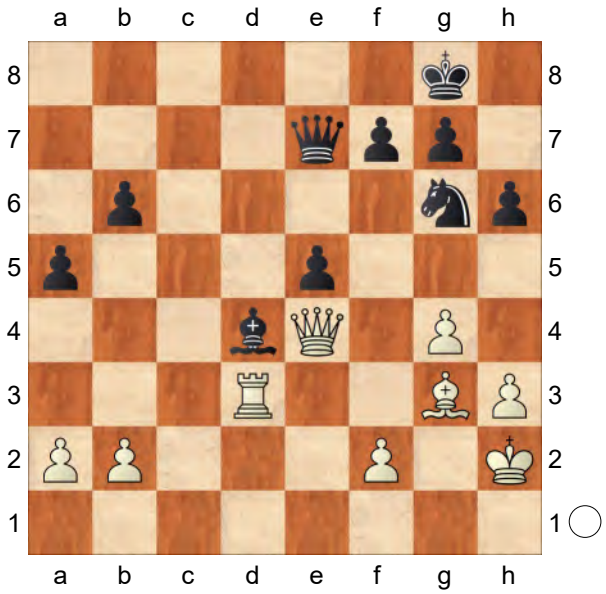
[Vorgänger: 11...Nxe5 12.f4 *(12.g4!? Bg6□ 13.f4=)* 12...Bc5+ 13.Kh1 -0.68/20 *(*Better is *13.Kh2=* 0.08/20 *Nc6 14.g4 Bxg4 15.hxg4)* 13...Nd7 -0.13/20 *(13...Nc6∓* -0.68/20 *)* 14.f5 0-0 15.Qe1 Hoping for g3-g4. exf5 16.Rxf5 Bg6 17.Rxd5 Threatens to win with Qe1-d1. Qe7 0.13/18 ;0-1 Mezentsev,V (2409)-Pruess,D (2400) Berkeley Masters op 2005 (7) *(* Black should try *17...Qc8∓* -0.46/20 *)*]

12.g4 Bg6 13.e4 dxe4 0.40/20

[13...Nxe5 14.Bf4 Qf6 15.Qa4+ Kf8 16.exd5±]
[13...d4= 0.00/17 14.Na4 b5 15.Nxc5 Nxc5]
14.Nxe4± Bxe4 15.Bxe4 Black should prevent b2-b4. **15...Nxe5 16.Bf4 Ng6 17.Bg3** White has compensation. A strong pair of Bishops. **17...e5** 0.85/18
[17...Qb6= 0.02/17]
18.Qa4+± White stays focused until the end. **18...Qd7 19.Qc4**
[19.Qxd7+ simplifies Kxd7 20.Rfd1+ Ke7 21.Rd5]
19...Rc8 1.24/18
[19...Bd4± 0.59/19]
20.Qb3↑ Ra1-d1! would now be deadly. Black is under strong pressure. White is more active.
[20.Bf5?! Bxf2+ 21.Rxf2 Rxc4=]
20...0-0



21.Bf5! Deflection
[21.Bxb7 Rb8 22.Qc4 Bxf2+ *(22...Rxb7 23.Qxc5 Rxb2 24.Rad1∓)* 23.Rxf2 Qxb7-+ *(23...Rxb7? 24.Rc1∓)*]
21...Qe7 22.Bxc8 Rxc8 23.Rac1 Rd8 Prevents Qb3-d5 **24.Qc4 b6 25.Rfd1** Rd1xd8+ is the strong threat. **25...a5** 1.64/19
[25...Bd4± 1.06/18]
26.Rd5 h6 27.Rcd1 1.28/19
[27.Rxd8++- 1.76/19 Qxd8 28.Qe4]
27...Bd4 28.Kh2 Rxd5 2.02/19
[28...Rf8± 1.34/19]
29.Qxd5+- Qf6 30.Rd3 Qe7 2.16/19
[⌓30...Nf8 1.70/20 31.Rd2 Qe6 32.Qxe6 Nxe6]
31.Qa8+ Kh7 32.Qe4 1.43/21
[32.b3+- 1.82/20]
32...Kg8 2.38/19
[32...Bxb2± 1.43/21 33.h4 Kg8]



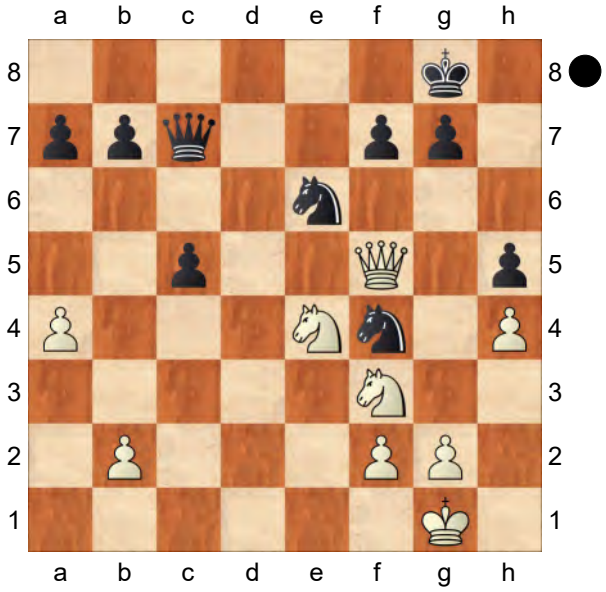
33.h4 1.34/18 **Qc5** 2.26/22
[33...Bxb2± 1.34/18 was worth a try. 34.Rd2 *(34.h5 Nf8±)* 34...Bc3]
34.Rd2 Nf8 35.Rc2 Qe7 36.b3 Qd7 37.f3 Qb5 2.49/21
[⌓37...Bc5 1.99/20 38.Qe2 *(38.Qxe5 Qd1±)* 38...f6]
38.Kg2 a4 39.bxa4 Qb1 40.Bf2 Prevents Qb1-g1+
[And not 40.Bxe5 Bxe5 41.Re2 Qxe4 42.Rxe4 Bd6∓]
40...Bxf2 41.Rxf2 Endgame. KQR-KQN
[Much less strong is 41.Kxf2 Qd1 42.h5 Qd6]

41...Qd1 42.Rc2 Qd8 43.h5
[43.Qxe5 Ng6 44.Qe4 Nxh4+ 45.Kf2 Ng6+-]
43...Qd6 44.Re2 Qd1 45.Qc2 Qd6 46.Qd2 Qc5 47.Qb2 Nd7 4.73/23
[47...Ne6 2.99/20 was necessary. 48.Qxe5 *(48.Rxe5 Qc7+-)* 48...Qc4]
48.Rc2 White is clearly winning.
48...Qd6 49.Rc8+ Nf8 50.Re8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.30
1-0

104 **C54**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
■ **Petrosyan,Manuel** **2634**
Airthings Masters Play In rapid (9)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**
[6.a4 a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8 ½-½ Sevian,S (2698)-Lazavik,D (2553) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W Chess.com INT 2023 (6.2)]
[6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Na4 Bb6 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Bd2 Ne7 11.Nh4 Be6 12.Bb3 Bxb3 13.axb3 Qd7 14.Qf3 Ng6 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxf6 Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.f4 exf4 ½-½ Causil Pastrana,X (1564)-Martinez Serna,M (1621) Juegos Univers 31st (Women) op Pereira 2024 (4)]
[6.Nc3 a6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 0-0 9.h3 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.c3 Ba7 13.Re1 Bd7 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 Bc6 17.Rad1 Qf6 18.Qc2 Rfe8 19.Bd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 e4 0-1 Orfila,A (1890)-Sprott,G (2110) 145/77 Biel 2020 (3)]
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.h4 Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.d4 exd4 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf5 15.Nxg4 hxg4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.b4 0-0-0 18.c4 Qc6 19.bxc5 Rxh4 20.f3 Rdh8 9 Part Chapter-Games Part 5 Chapter 2 Game]
6...h6 7.Re1 0-0 8.h3 Bb6!
8...Bb6 is setting a new trend. 8...Lb6 setzt einen neuen Trend. **9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.a4** Strongly threatening a4-a5. **10...c6 11.Bb3 Ng6 12.Nf1 Re8 13.Ng3 d5 14.Be3N**
[Vorgänger: 14.Bc2 Be6 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Rxe3 dxe4 17.dxe4 Qb6 18.b4 a5 19.Qb1 -0.68/18 *(19.Rb1* -0.31/18 feels stronger.*)* 19...c5∓ 20.bxc5 Qxc5 0-1 (59) Caceres Recalde,F (2175)-Garcia Palermo,C (2479) Mar del Plata 2012]
14...Be6 15.exd5 Bxd5 16.Bc2 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 c5 18.Bb3 -0.74/18
[18.d4∓ -0.32/17 is superior.]
18...Bxb3 -0.26/20
[18...Qb6∓ -0.74/18 19.Nd2 Nf4]
19.Qxb3= Qd5 20.Qc2 Qc6 21.Rae1 Nd5 22.Re4 Ndf4 23.h4! h5 24.Qd1 -0.70/19
[24.Qd2= -0.30/20 was preferrable.]
24...Rad8∓ 25.d4 exd4! And now ...d4-d3 would win. **26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Rxe8+ Qxe8 28.cxd4 Qd7 29.d5 Qxd5**
[29...Nxd5?! 30.Nxh5 Nb6 31.Qxd7 Nxd7 32.Ng3=]
30.Qe1 -2.11/21
[30.Qxd5∓ -1.27/22 was necessary. Nxd5 31.Nxh5]

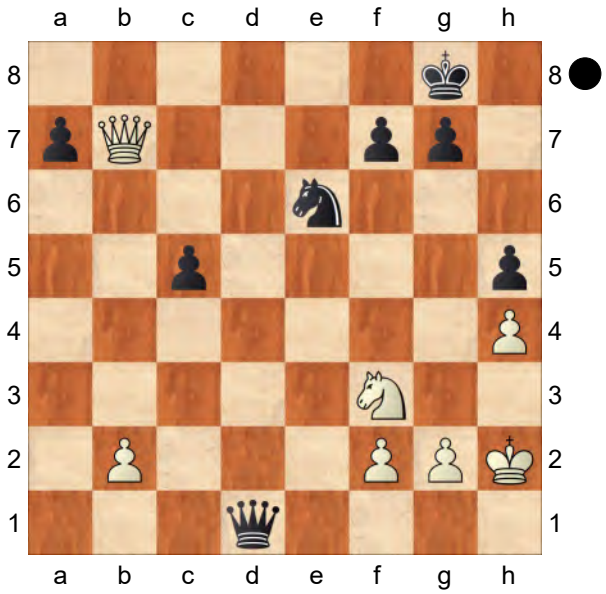
30...Qe6 -1.02/23
[30...Kf8-+ -2.11/21 and Black stays clearly on top. ...Nf4xg2! is the strong threat. 31.Ne4 b6]
31.Qa5∓ Qb6 32.Qd2 -1.37/19
[⌓32.Qxb6 -0.99/22 axb6 33.Nf5]
32...Qc7 33.Ne4 Ne6 34.Qd5 Ngf4 35.Qf5



Ne2+! 36.Kh1 Qf4 Against Nf3-g5
37.Qd5 N2d4 38.Ned2 -3.59/22
[38.Nxd4 -1.78/22 Qxh4+ *(38...cxd4 39.Qxb7 Qxh4+ 40.Kg1-+; 38...Nxd4 39.Ng5∓)* 39.Kg1 cxd4 40.Qxb7]
38...Nxf3-+ 39.Nxf3 Qxa4 -1.43/23
[39...Qc1+-+ -3.27/22 40.Kh2 Qxb2 41.Qxh5 c4 *(41...Qxf2? 42.Qe5-+)*]
40.Qxb7 Endgame. KQN-KQN
40...Qd1+ 41.Kh2

(Diagram)

Qd6+! 42.g3 Qd3 -0.68/22
[42...Qb6∓ -1.07/20 43.Qc8+ Kh7]
43.Kg2∓ Qf5 -0.01/22
[43...f6∓ -0.69/22]
44.Nd2 -0.84/22
[44.Qxa7= -0.01/22 Nf4+ 45.gxf4 Qg4+ 46.Kf1 Qxf3 47.Qxc5]

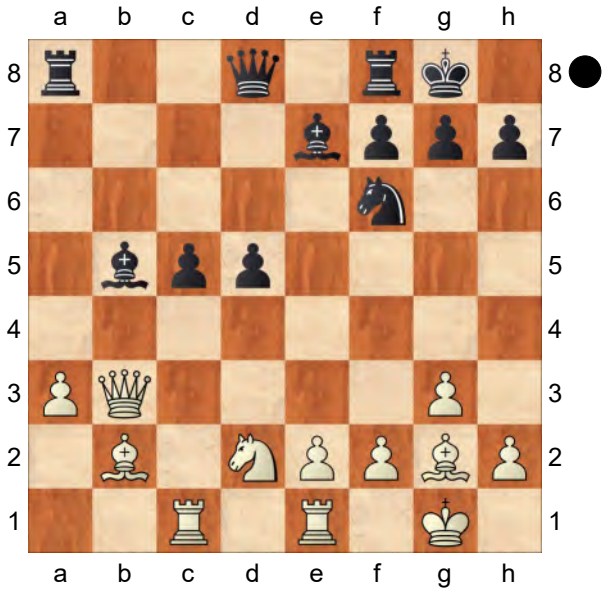


44...Qg4 -0.02/25
[44...g5∓ -0.84/22 Threatens to win with ...g5xh4. 45.hxg5 Nxg5]
45.Kh2? -1.66/24
[45.Ne4= -0.02/25 and White stays safe.]
45...Qe2 -0.32/24
[45...Qd4-+ -1.66/24 46.Ne4 g6]
46.Ne4 Qc2 -0.01/22
[46...Qf3!∓ -0.58/22]
47.Kg2= Qe2 48.Nd6 -0.51/24
[48.Nxc5= 0.01/25 Nxc5 49.Qc8+ Kh7 50.Qf5+ Kg8 51.Qc8+ Kh7 52.Qf5+ Kh6 53.Qxc5]
48...Kh7 0.55/24
[Black should play 48...Nf4+∓ -0.51/24 49.gxf4 Qg4+ 50.Kf1 Qd1+ *(50...Qxf4? 51.Qa8+ Kh7 52.Qe4+ Qxe4 53.Nxe4+-)* 51.Kg2 Qxd6]
49.Qxf7±
[49.Nxf7 Kg6=]
49...Qg4 1.26/22
[Better is 49...Qe5 0.71/23 50.Nb5 Nd4]
50.Kh2 0.06/23 White is much more active.
[50.Qxa7? too greedy. Nf4+ 51.Kg1 Qd1+ 52.Kh2 Qf1 *(52...Qxd6*

53.gxf4 Qxf4+ 54.Kg1=) 53.gxf4 Qxf2+ 54.Kh3 Qf3+ *(54...Qxf4? 55.Qxc5 Qg4+ 56.Kh2+-)* 55.Kh2 Qxf4+ 56.Kg2 Qxd6∓]
[50.Qf3± 1.26/22]
50...Nd4= The position is equal. **51.Qd5**
[But not 51.Qxa7 Nf3+ 52.Kg2 Nxh4+ 53.Kh2 Qf3∓ *(53...Nf3+ 54.Kg2∓)*]
51...Nf3+ 52.Kg2 Nxh4+ 53.Kf1⇄
White is not holding back **53...Ng6**
[53...Nf3 is more complex. 54.Ne4 h4 55.gxh4 c4]
54.Ne4 h4 55.Ng5+ Kh6 56.Nf7+ Kh7 57.Ng5+ Kh6 58.Nf7+ Kh7 59.Ng5+
Whites escaped into a draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) / Black=0.26 (precise)
½-½

105 **E06**
□ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2603**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2734**
Sharjah Masters 6th (7) 23.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

E06: Closed Catalan: Early deviations
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 c6 7.Qc2 b6!
now scores much better than the old 7... Nbd7. punktet besser als das ältere 7... Sbd7. **8.Nbd2 c5 9.dxc5 bxc5 10.b3 Nc6N**
[10...Bb7 11.Bb2 Nbd7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Rad1 Re8 14.Nb1 Bf8 15.e3 Rc8 16.Nc3 Qa5 17.Qd2 Qa6 18.Rfe1 c4 19.Bf1 Nc5 20.Nd4 Nce4 21.Qc2 Nxc3 22.Bxc3 Ne4 23.Rb1 h5 24.Ba1 h4 25.f3 1-0 Keymer,V (2721)-Erdos,V (2557) EU-chT 24th Budva 2023 (2.1)]
11.Bb2 Bb7 12.Ne5N
[Vorgänger: 12.e3 Rc8 13.Rfd1 Qb6 14.Rac1 Nb4 15.Qb1 Rfd8 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Ng5 h6 18.Bxf6 -1.26/20 *(18.Nh3!=* 0.01/18) 18...Bxf6 1-0 De Filomeno,S (2450)-Niezhentsev,K (2052) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (17)]
12...Nb4 13.Qb1 a5 14.cxd5 exd5 15.a3 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qc2 Bb5 18.Rfe1 a4 19.Rac1 0.01/18
[19.e4± 0.45/20]
19...axb3 20.Qxb3



Bb2xf6! would now be deadly. **20...Ba4** 0.43/19
[20...c4= 0.07/19 should be considered. 21.Qa2 *(21.Qxb5 Rb8∓)* 21...Qd7]
21.Qf3± c4 0.66/20
[21...Rc8= 0.21/17]
22.e4! dxe4 1.05/19
[22...Rb8± 0.67/21 23.Be5 dxe4 24.Nxe4 Rc8]
23.Nxe4± Rc8 24.Bh3 Rc7 25.Be5 Nxe4! 26.Qxe4
[Wrong is 26.Bxc7? Ng5 27.Bxd8 Nxf3+ 28.Kh1 Bxd8-+]
26...Bd6 27.Rxc4 Bxe5 28.Rxa4 Bc3
Black is weak on the light squares

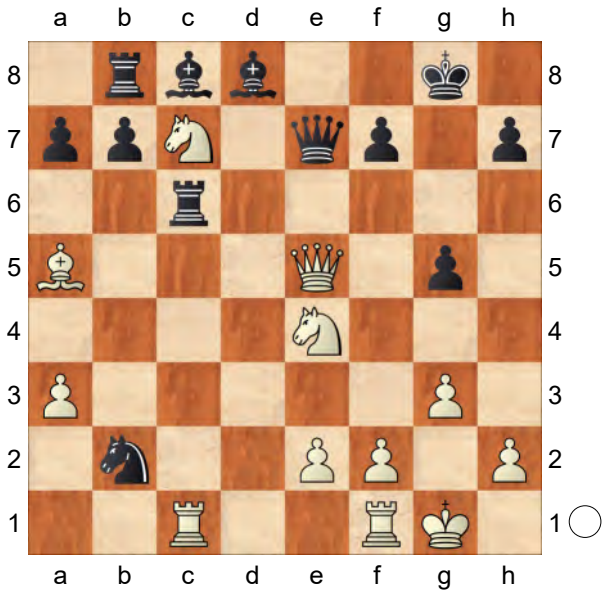
29.Rc1 g6 30.Qf3 White is more active. **30...Qd2 31.Rd1 Qc2 32.Re4 Ra7 33.Qd3 Qxd3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

106 **D34**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
■ **Kuybokarov,Temur** **2584**
Qatar Masters op (9) 20.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

D34: Tarrasch Defence: 6 g3 Nf6 7 Bg2 Be7 Arencibia Rodriguez,W: 'Inf 103/26'
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 c5 3.g3 e6 4.Nf3 d5
[4...b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Qxd4 d6 9.b3 *(9.Rd1 a6 10.b3 Nbd7 11.Bb2 0-0 12.Rac1 Rc8 13.Ne1 Qc7 14.Ne4 Ne8 15.Qe3 Qb8 16.Nd3 b5 17.c5 d5 18.Ng5 Bxg5 19.Qxg5 a5 20.Nf4 h6 21.Qe7 Nef6 22.e4 Rfe8 23.Qd6 Qxd6 ½-½* Arencibia Rodriguez,W (2534)-Wojtaszek,R (2625) La 103/26 Havana 2008*)* 9...0-0 10.Ba3 Na6 11.Rfd1 Nc5 12.b4 Nce4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.b5 Qc8 15.Bxd6 Rd8 16.c5 bxc5 17.Qe5 Bxd6 18.Rxd6 Rxd6 19.Qxd6 1-0 Slow Plan A Model Games (2610)-Persitz,R (2610) BCCA v Sunday Referee corr 1929 (11)]
5.cxd5 exd5N
[5...Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Nxc3 10.Bxc3 Bd7 11.Qc2 Rc8 12.Qb2 f6 13.d4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Qb6 15.Rad1 Bc5 16.Nc2 Rcd8 17.b4 Be7 18.Qb3 Bc8 19.Bh3 Kf7 20.b5 1-0 Cebalo,M (2520)-Foisor,O (2404) Milano 80/10 2000 Rxd1 21.Rxd1 Rd8 22.Rc1 Nb8 23.Nd4 Bc5 24.Ba5 Qxa5 25.Rxc5 Rxd4 26.Rxc8 Qe1+ 27.Kg2 Qxe2 28.Rxb8 Rd1 29.Bxe6+ Kg6 30.Bf7+ Kh6 31.Qe3+ 1-0 Cebalo,M (2515)-Zaja,I (2450) CRO-ch 6th Pula 1998 (12)]
6.d4 Nc6 7.a3 Be7 8.Bg2 0-0 9.0-0 Ne4 0.39/18
[9...c4= 0.02/17]
10.dxc5± Bxc5 11.Na4!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes Terrain. **11...Be7 12.Be3** White has an edge. **12...Bf6 13.Rc1 Re8 14.Nd4 Ne5 15.Nb5N**
[Vorgänger: 15.Nc5 -0.50/18 15.Nd4-b5 0.58 Ng4 16.Bf4 g5? 1.18/20 *(16...Nexf2∓* -0.74/19 keeps the pressure on. *17.Rxf2 g5)* 17.Bc7± Qe7 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.e3 0.76/17 *(⌓19.h3* 1.25/19 *)* 19...Nh6 1.37/19 *(⌓19...Ne5* 0.76/17 *)* 20.Qb3 Nf5 21.Nxf5 Bxf5 22.Qxb7 0-1 Roos,L (2334)-Schafranietz,S (2241) FRA-chT2O 0203 France 2002 (6.4)]
15...Nc4 Threatens to win with ... Nc4xe3. **16.Bf4** Hoping for Nb5-c7. **16...g5! 17.Bxe4 Rxe4 18.Bc7 Qd7 19.Nac3 Re6**
[19...Nxb2? 20.Nxe4 *(20.Qxd5 Qxd5 21.Nxd5 Bg7±)* 20...dxe4 21.Qd6 Qxd6 22.Nxd6+-]
[19...Bxc3? 20.Nxc3 Qxc7 21.Nxe4 *(21.b3 Rg4±)* 21...dxe4 22.b3+-]
20.Qxd5 Nxb2 21.Ba5 0.01/17
[21.Nd6± 0.76/19 Black must now prevent Nd6xc8. Qxc7 22.Nce4]
21...Rc6 0.84/20
[21...Bxc3= 0.01/17 keeps the balance. 22.Nxc3 Qxd5 23.Nxd5 Rxe2]

(Diagram)

22.Nc7 -0.01/21 White is more active.
22...Rb8? 3.17/20 Loses the game.
[22...Rxc7= -0.01/21 23.Bxc7 Qxc7]
23.Ne4+- Bd8 3.85/21
[23...Bg7 2.62/21 keeps fighting. 24.Rxc6 *(24.Nxg5 Nc4∓; 24.Qxg5 h6±)* 24...Qxd5 25.Nxd5 bxc6 26.Ne7+ Kf8]
24.Qe5 Qe7
[24...Nc4 25.Rxc4 Rxc4 26.Ne8+-]



25.Ne6! Discovered Attack **25...Qxe6 26.Qxb8 Bxa5 27.Rxc6 Qxc6 28.Nd6**
Repels Nb2-c4
[Weaker is 28.Nxg5 f6∓]
28...Qc7 29.Qxc8+ Qxc8 30.Nxc8
Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.47
1-0

107 **D24**
□ **Ju,Wenjun** **2549**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2740**
86th Tata Steel Masters (10) 24.01.2024
[Naruemon]

D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 **1.d4** 6 **Nf6** 25 **2.c4** 4 **e6** 4 **3.Nf3** 11 **d5** 6 **4.Nc3** 10 **dxc4** 4 **5.e4** 25 **b5** 7 Deflection **6.Nxb5** 18
D24: Angenommenes Damengambit.
[6.e5!± should be considered. Nd5 7.Nxb5]
6...Nxe4 16 **7.Qa4** 9 Against Bb4+ **7...c6** 42 **8.Nc3** 18 **Nxc3** 6 **9.bxc3** 3 **Ba6** 8 **10.Bxc4** 6 **Bxc4** 5 **11.Qxc4** 3 **Bd6** 1:40 **12.0-0** 5 **Qc7** 2:07
[12...0-0 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Qd3 Nd7 15.c4 c5 16.d5 exd5 17.Qxd5 Nb6 18.Qd3 Rad8 19.Qc2 h6 20.a4 Rfe8 21.Be3 Bf4 22.a5 Nc8 23.Bxf4 Qxf4 24.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Nd6 26.Qa4 Re6 27.Qd7 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2847)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2789) Carlsen Inv KO chess24.com INT rapid 2021 (2.11)]
13.Rd1N 1:45
[13.Qd3 Nd7 14.Re1 0-0 15.Re4 Rfe8 *(15...Nf6 16.Rh4 h6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qd2 Nh7 19.Qxh6 f6 20.Rg4+ Kh8 21.Nh4 Rg8 22.Ng6+ Rxg6 23.Rxg6 Qf7 24.Rg4 Rb8 25.Re4 Rb5 26.Qh3 f5 27.Re2 Kg7 28.Rae1 Ng5 29.Qd3 Rb8 30.h3* ½-½ Nasshan,D (2320)-Kristoferitsch,

D (2295) Marianske Lazne IM-B2 21st 2023 (4)) 16.Rh4 Nf8 17.Ng5 f5 18.c4 Rad8 19.Nf3 Ng6 20.Rh3 Ne5 21.Qc3 Nxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Be5 23.Be3 Bf6 24.Rd1 Re7 25.g4 g6 26.gxf5 exf5 27.d5 Re4 ½-½ Woelk, T (2310)-Barp,A (2408) Cattolica Vergani Cup 2021 (6)]

13...0-0 5:07 **14.Qd3** 3 **Nd7** 2:24 **15.c4** -0.06/20 3:08

[15.g3 0.30/19 is superior.]

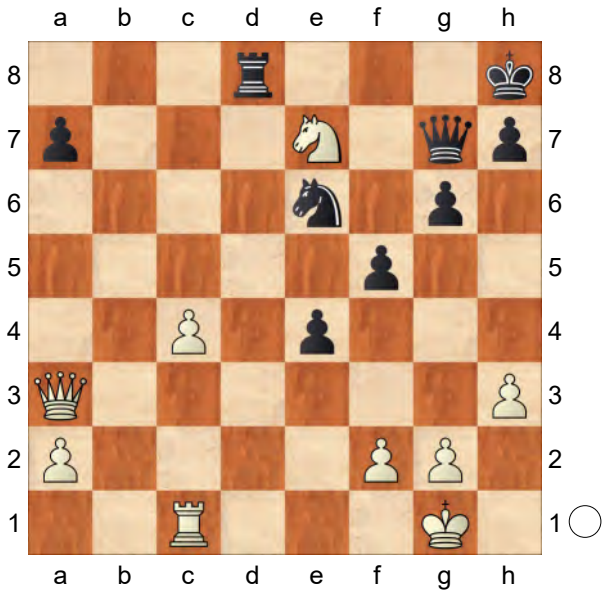
15...c5= 18:34 **16.Be3** 22:45 dxc5 would now be deadly. **16...Rfd8** 5:51 **17.dxc5** 1:59 **Bxc5** 7:18 **18.Bxc5** 12:16 **Nxc5** 7 **19.Qe2** 12 **f6** -0.01/24 11:15

[19...h6∓ -0.39/20 feels stronger.]

20.Nd4 3:39 **e5** 1:01 **21.Nf5** 1:37 **Ne6** 7:08 **22.Qg4** 21 Black must now prevent Nh6+. **22...Kh8** 1:32 **23.h3** 1:03 **g6** 4:25 **24.Ne3** 9 **Nd4** 4:10 **25.Nd5** 11:20 **Qg7** 1:56 **26.Qe4** 3:09 **Rac8** 40 **27.Rac1** 15 **f5** 3:17 **28.Qd3** 3:42 **Ne6** 2:09 **29.Qa3** 5:54 **e4** 0.75/23 8:07

[29...Nd4= -0.01/19 remains equal.]

30.Ne7± 5:51 **Ra8** 11:01 **31.Rxd8+** 11:46 **Rxd8** 3:16



32.Rb1 7 '!'

[Much worse is Reject 32.Qxa7 '?!' Re8 33.Nc6 Qxa7 34.Nxa7 Ra8∓ '=']

32...Nf4 4:32 **33.Qxa7** 3:19 **Qd4** 3:49 **34.Qxd4+** 6:08

[34.Qc7 with more complications. Ne6 35.Qg3 Qd6 36.Qc3+]

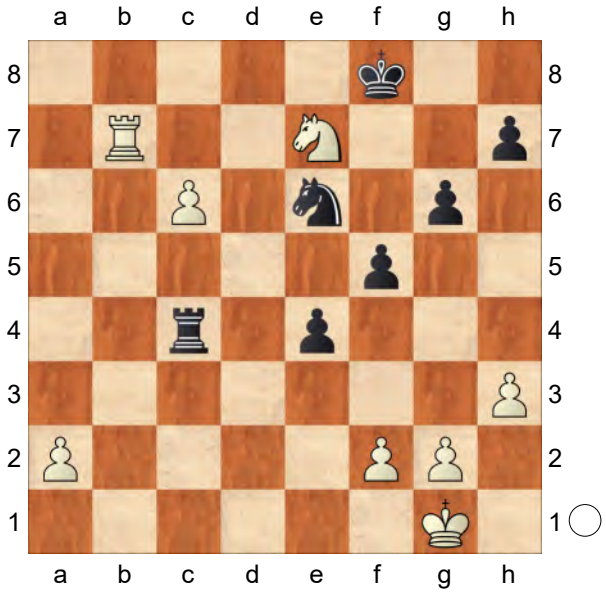
34...Rxd4 5 Endgame. KRN-KRN **35.Rb8+** 16

[Of course not 35.c5 Rd7 36.Nc6 Rd5∓]

35...Kg7 6 **36.Rb7** 2 **Kf8** 2:43 **37.c5** 4 Threatens to win with c6. **37...Rc4** 0.72/24 16

[37...Rd1+= 0.30/25 38.Kh2 Ne6]

38.c6 27 **Ne6** 25



39.g3 7:18 White is more active. '!'

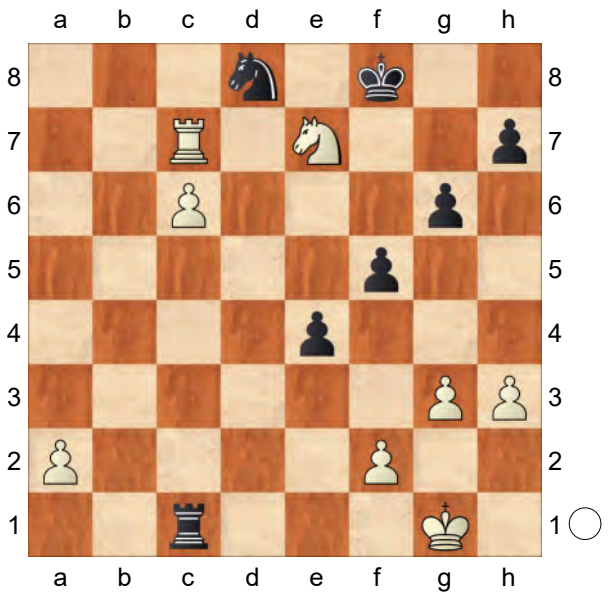
39...Nd8 1:48 **40.Rc7** 1:47 **Rc1+** 1:05

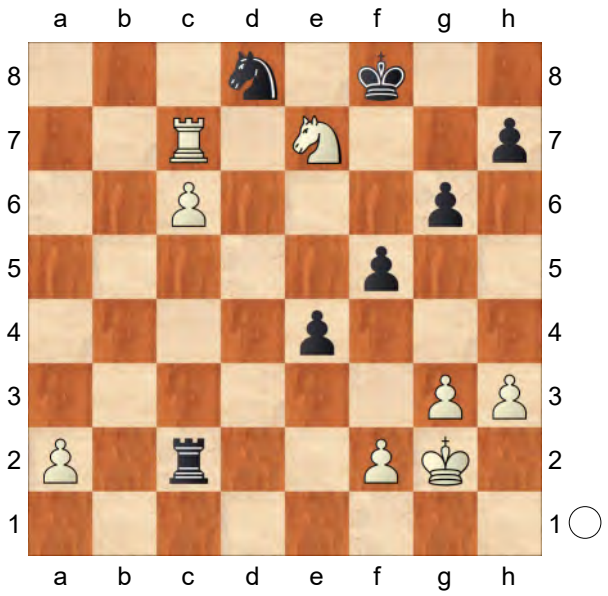
(Diagram)

41.Kg2! 50:05 **Rc2** 3:20

(Diagram)

aiming for ...e3! **42.Kf1!** 0 **Ke8** 10:13 **43.a4** 0 **Ne6** 1:43 **44.Rb7** 0 Strongly threatening a5. **44...Kd8** 6:15 **45.Rd7+**

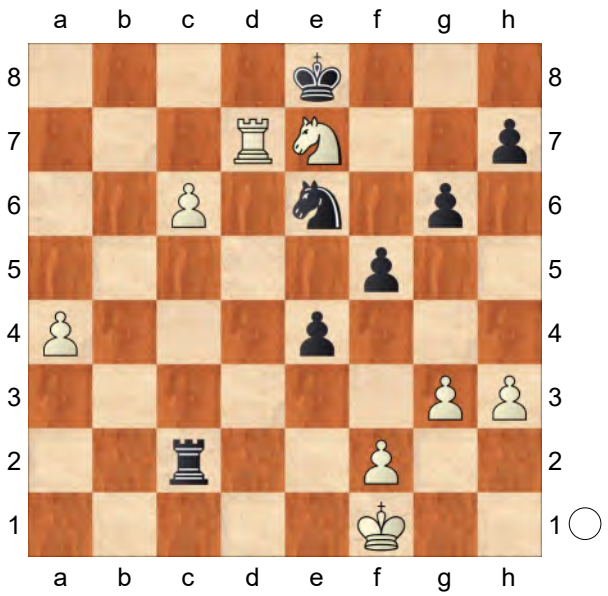




0 **Ke8** 1

(Diagram)

46.Ng8 0.14/24 0
[White should play Günstiger ist 46.Ra7!± 0.94/19 f4 47.gxf4]
46...Rxc6 16 **47.Nf6+** 0 **Kf8** 2 **48.Nxh7+** 0 **Ke8** 2 **49.Nf6+** 0 **Kf8** 1 **50.Rd1** 0.01/24 0
[50.Ra7± 0.58/22]
50...Ra6= 3:08 The position is equal.
51.Nd7+ 0 **Ke7!** 6 **52.Ne5** 0 **Kf6!** 51 '='

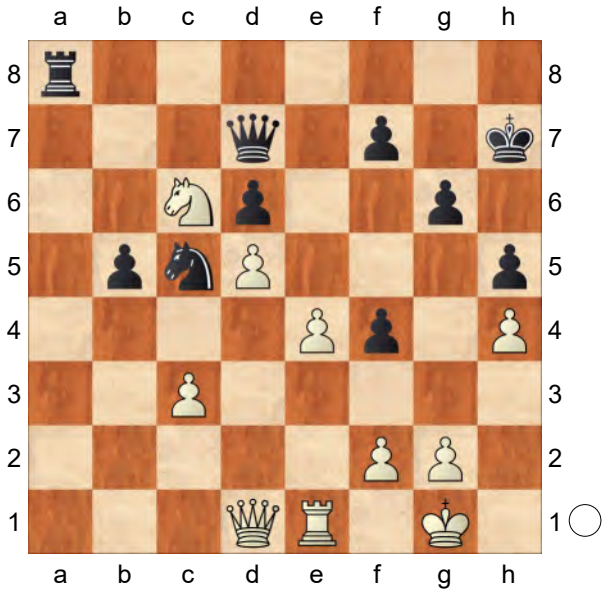


53.Nd7+ 0 **Ke7!** 2:00 **54.Ne5** 0 **Kf6!** 2
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless) . Mistake: White=3 Black=3 Inaccurate: --- Black=1 OK: White=22 Black=20 Best: White=3 Black=4 Strong: White=2 Black=3
½-½

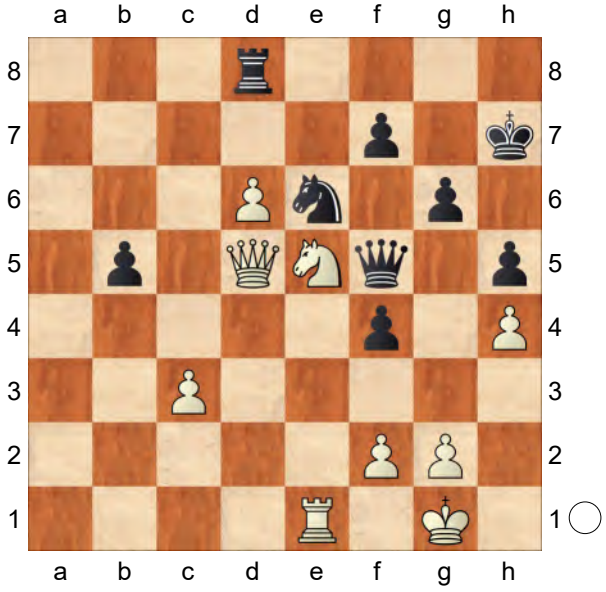
108 **C54**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
■ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2623**
Airthings Play In Match rapid (1.1)
[Kitty Kat]

C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 h6**
[7...Ba7 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Re8 10.Re1 Be6 11.Bxe6 Rxe6 12.b4 d5 13.Qc2 d4 14.Bb2 Nh5 15.b5 dxc3 16.Bxc3 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Nb3 Qd8 20.g3 Rh6 21.Kg2 Qg5 22.Rh1 0-1 Lunacek,J (2702)-Ferri,S (2732) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (11)]

8.Re1! 8.Re1 is better than 8.Nbd2. 8. Te1 ist besser als 8.Sbd2. **8...Ba7 9.Nbd2N**
[9.b4 0-0 10.Ra2 Ne7 11.Nbd2 Ng6 12.Nf1 c6 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.Ng3 Qe8 16.d4 Rd8 17.h3 exd4 18.cxd4 e5 19.Be3 exd4 20.Bxd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qf7 22.Rd2 Ne5 23.Ndf5 Ne8 1-0 Cardenas,R (2499)-Medvegy,Z (2153) Amsterdam ACT op 2nd 2005 (3) 24.f4 Nc4 25.Rf2 b5 26.e5 Nc7 27.Qg4 Kh7 28.e6 1-0 Nevednichy,V (2499)-Makropoulou,M (2153) Wch Seniors 50 30th Assisi 2022 (3)]
9...0-0 10.Nf1 The position is equal. **10...Ne7 11.Ng3 Ng6 12.h3 c6 13.Bb3 Re8 14.d4 Be6 15.Bc2 c5 16.d5 Bd7 17.a5N**
[Vorgänger: 17.c4 b5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 Nf8 20.Nd2 Bb6 21.Re3 N8d7 22.Rea3 bxc4 23.Nxc4 0-1 (62) So,W (2770)-Caruana,F (2835) Lichess.org INT 2020]
17...c4 18.Be3 Bxe3 19.Rxe3 Rc8 20.Ba4 Nf4 21.Nd2 Bb5 22.Nf5 Kh7 0.63/19
[22...h5= 0.17/18]
23.Bxb5 -0.07/21
[23.Rf3± 0.63/19]
23...axb5= 24.a6 -0.37/20
[24.b3= -0.01/18]
24...g6∓ 25.axb7 Rb8 26.Ng3 Rxb7 27.b3 cxb3 28.Nxb3 Qc7 29.Na5 Ra7 30.Nc6 Rxa1 31.Qxa1 Nd7 32.Qd1 -0.68/20
[White should try 32.Ne2= 0.00/18]
32...Nc5 -0.01/21
[32...Ra8∓ -0.68/20]
33.h4 -0.60/20
[33.Ne2= -0.01/21]
33...Ra8 -0.19/20
[33...Kg7∓ -0.60/20 is superior.]
34.Ne2= Qd7? 1.26/20
[34...Nh5∓ -0.31/20]
35.Nxf4± exf4 36.Re1 h5

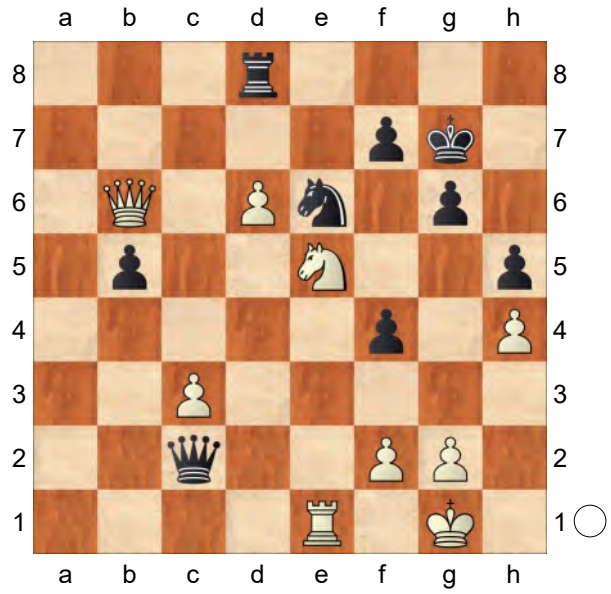


37.e5 0.23/20
[37.f3!± 1.15/20]
37...dxe5? 3.11/22
[37...Re8!= 0.23/20]
38.Nxe5+- Qf5 39.d6 Rd8 40.Qd5 Ne6



41.Qc6 1.06/21
[41.Qxb5 Rxd6 42.c4 Kg7=]
[41.d7 f6 42.Qd6 fxe5±]
[41.Ra1!+- 2.26/20 and White stays

clearly on top.]
41...Kg7± 42.Qb6 Hoping for Ne5xf7! White is much more active.
[Much worse is 42.Qxb5?! Rxd6 43.Qb4 Rd2=]
42...Qc2? 8.42/20
[42...f3± 0.74/20]



43.Nxf7!+- Discovered Attack, Decoy
43...Kxf7
[43...Rd7 44.Nd8]
44.Qb7+
[44.Qxb5 Rxd6 45.Qb7+ Kf6-+]
44...Kg8 45.Rxe6 Re6-e7 would kill now. **45...Qc1+ 46.Kh2 f3 47.Rxg6+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

109 **D02**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**
■ **Bosiocic,Marin** **2537**
AUT-chT 2324 (9.4) 22.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 Browne, W: 'Inf 33/490' **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4N**
[3.c4 c5 4.cxd5 *(4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Ndb5 d4 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Nd5 Nxd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.e4 Qb6 11.Bd2 Bxb5 12.Qb3 Nd7* 5 Chapter Part-Game Chapter Part 7 (2) Game *)* 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Qa4+ b5 7.Nxb5 Bd7 8.N1c3 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxb5 10.Qd1 Bc6 11.Nb4 Qa5 12.Bd2 Bb7 13.Nc6 Qb5 14.Nxb8 Rxb8 15.e3 Qd7 16.Bc3 Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 f6 1-0 Browne,W-Sosonko,G Denpasar 33/490 Surakarta 1982 18.f3 e5 19.Bc4 Bc5 20.Ke2 Ke7 21.Rd2 Rhd8 22.Rhd1 Rxd2+ 23.Rxd2 g5 24.Bd5 Bc8 25.a3 Bd7 26.Bc4 Rb6 27.Ba5 Bb5 28.Bxb5 Rxb5 29.b4 Bd6 30.e4 Ke6 31.Kd3 h5 32.h3 Rb8 1-0 Browne,W (2450)-Kriventsov,S (2415) USA-ch Seattle 2002 (6)]
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
[3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ½-½ 10.♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th Hamburgo 1999 (6.2)]
3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 cxd4 6.exd4 a6 Dodges Bf1-b5 **7.c3 Bf5 8.Nh4!** The position is equal. is more profitable than 8.Be2 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 8.Le2. **8...Be4 9.Bg5N**

[Vorgänger: 9.Nhf3 Bg6 10.Nh4 Bh5 11.Nhf3 e6 12.Bd3 Bd6 13.Bg5 Qc7 14.Qb1 Bg6 15.0-0 1-0 Tristan,L (2544)-Nguyen,T (2645) Titled Tuesday intern op 15th Nov Early Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (8)]

9...e6 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.g3 h6 0.58/19
[11...Be7= 0.02/18]

12.Bxf6± Qxf6 13.Qb3 0.22/18
[13.Be2± 0.59/18]

13...0-0-0!= 14.Be2 Bd6 15.Qc2 g5 16.Ng2 Qg6 17.0-0-0 Ne7 18.Kb1 0.10/17
[18.Rhe1± 0.47/17 might be stronger.]

18...Kb8 19.Rhe1
[19.Qb3 looks sharper. Ka7 20.Ne3 h5 21.h4]

19...f5 0.98/19
[19...Bc7= 0.21/18]

20.f3± exf3 21.Bxf3 Strongly threatening Qc2-b3. **21...g4 22.Nh4 Qg5 23.Bg2** Threatens to win with Qc2-b3! **23...f4 24.Rxe6**
[24.Qb3 keeps more tension. f3 25.Bf1 Ka7 26.Rxe6 h5]

24...fxg3 2.07/20
[24...f3± 1.06/18]

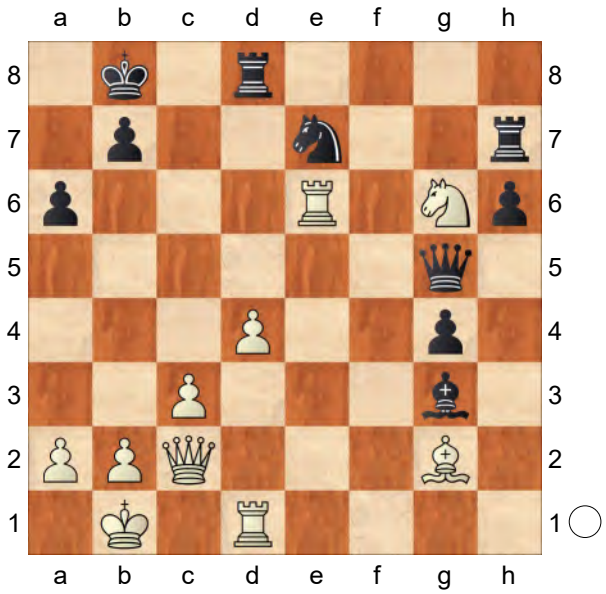
25.hxg3 Bxg3 26.Ng6→ 1.01/21 Black is in trouble. White is more active.
[⌓26.Bxb7 1.58/20 Bxh4 27.Be4 *(27.Bxa6 Qf5+-)*]

26...Rh7? 3.04/19
[26...Nxg6± 1.01/21 27.Rxg6 Qe7 28.Rxg4 Bd6]

(Diagram)

27.Ne5 1.25/20
[27.Bxb7!+- 3.04/19 Qf5 28.Nxe7 Qxc2+ 29.Kxc2 Kxb7 30.Rg1]

27...Nf5? 4.62/21 Black is weak on the

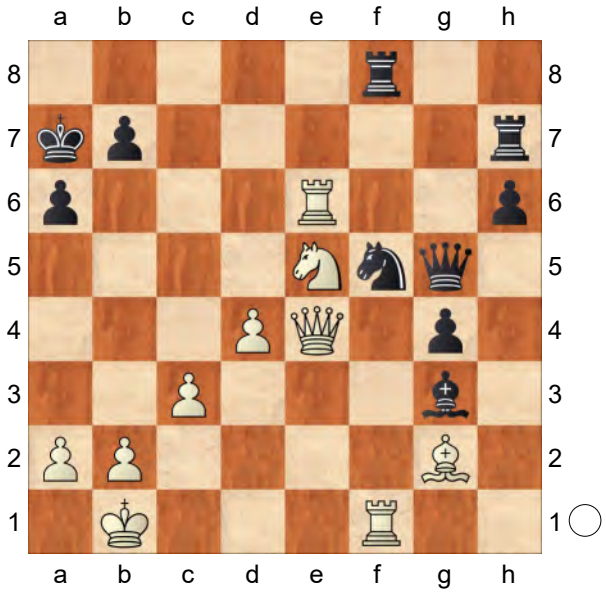


light squares
[27...Qf5± 1.25/20 is tougher.]

28.Rf1+- White is clearly winning.
[28.Rg6 Ne3 29.Qd3 *(29.Rxg5 Nxc2 30.Rxg4 Ne3±)* 29...Qf4+-]

28...Rf8 29.Qe4
[29.Rg6 Qe3 30.Nxg4 *(30.Rxf5? Qe1+ 31.Qc1 Qxc1+ 32.Kxc1 Rxf5-+)* 30...Qe8+-]

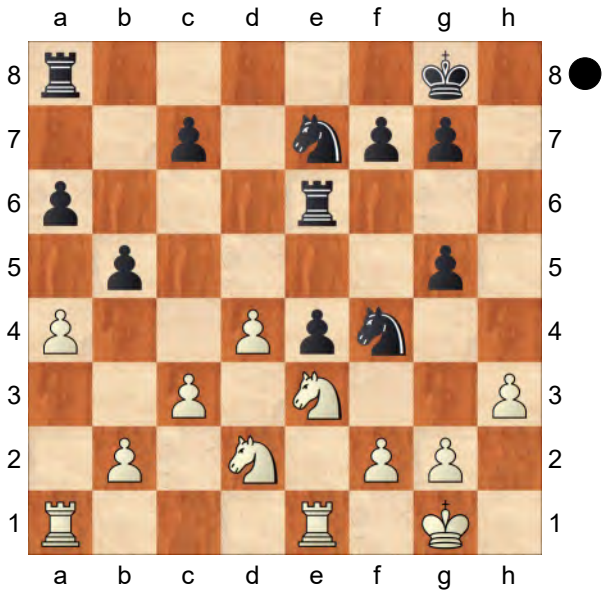
29...Ka7 8.51/22
[⌓29...Qd2 4.91/18 30.Nc4 *(30.Rxf5? Qd1#)* 30...Qg5]



Repels Re6-b6 **30.Nc6+! bxc6 31.Qxc6 Bd6 32.Rxd6** Remove Defender **32...Nxd6 33.Rxf8 Nb7 34.Bf1 Qa5 35.b4 Qa3 36.Rf6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.45
1-0

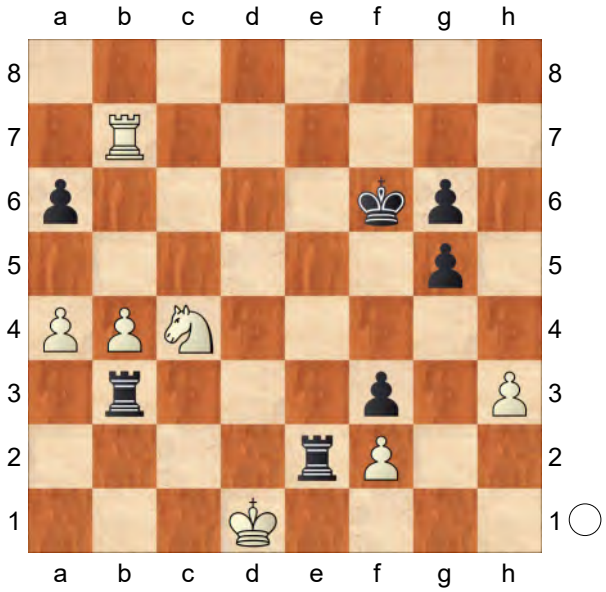
110 **C48**
□ **Iljiushenok,Ilia** **2547**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**
Wch Blitz Samarkand (1) 29.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C48: Four Knights: 4 Bb5, replies other than 4...Bb4 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Bd6 5.d3 h6 6.Ba4 a6 7.a3 Bc5!?** A promising side line. Eine vielversprechende Nebenvariante. **8.0-0** White has an edge. **8...b5 9.Bb3 d6 10.h3 0-0 11.Be3N**
[11.Ne2 Be6 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Ng3 Qe8 14.c3 Nh5 15.Kh2 Bb6 16.a4 b4 17.Bd2 bxc3 18.bxc3 Rf6 19.Ng1 Nxg3 20.fxg3 Rxf1 21.Qxf1 Bxg1+ 22.Qxg1 Na5 23.Qd1 Rb8 24.Ra2 Kh7 25.g4 Nb3 1-0 Duda,J (2610)-Dorfman,J (2574) FRA-chT Top 12 Montpellier 2015 (4.2) 26.Be3 Nc5 27.h4 Kg8 28.g5 hxg5 29.Bxg5 d5 30.Be3 Nd7 31.Qf3 dxe4 32.Qxe4 Nf6 33.Qc4 e4 34.Bg5 exd3 35.Qxd3 Nh7 36.Bf4 Nf6 37.Bg5 Nh7 38.Bf4 Nf6 39.Qxa6 e5 40.Bg5 Rb6 0-1 Duda,J (2738)-Rapport,R (2731) 139/140 Wijk aan Zee 2019 41.Qc4+ Kh8 42.a5 Rc6 43.Qe2 Qe6 44.a6 Ng4+ 45.Qxg4 1-0 Ferri,S (2610)-Fauth,H (2574) 17/482 Las Palmas 1974 (4.2)]
11...Re8 12.Nd5N
[Vorgänger: 12.Ne2 Be6 13.Bxe6 Rxe6 14.Ng3 Ne7 15.Qd2 -0.01/20 *(15.Bxc5± 0.38/17 dxc5 16.b4)* 15...Bxe3= 16.fxe3 Ng6 17.Nf5 c6 18.a4 0-1 Maze,S (2582)-Bruzon Batista,L (2659) Wch Rapid Berlin 2015 (10)]
12...Be6 13.c3 Bxe3 14.Nxe3 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Re1 Nf4 17.Bxe6 Rxe6 18.d4 e4! 19.Nd2 Qg5 20.Qg4 Threatens to win with Qg4xg5.
[20.a4 is interesting. Nxh3+ 21.Kf1 Qh4 22.gxh3 Qxh3+ 23.Ke2]
20...Ne7 21.Qxg5 hxg5 22.a4



b4 23.cxb4
[23.d5 seems wilder. Nfxd5 24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.Rxe4 bxc3 26.Rxe6 cxb2 27.Rb1]
23...Nd3 24.Re2 d4-d5 would now be deadly. **24...Nxb4 25.Rc1 c6 26.Rc5 Nbd5** 0.21/18
[26...Ned5 -0.27/19 feels stronger. 27.Nxd5 cxd5]
27.Nec4 f5 28.Ra5 Nf4 29.Re1 Ned5 30.Ne3 g6↑ Black has the initiative. **31.Ndc4** -1.08/21
[31.Nb3∓ -0.61/19]
31...Nd3 32.Re2 N5b4 Black is much more active. **33.d5?** -3.76/20

Loses the game.
[33.Rd2∓ -1.24/19]
33...cxd5-+ 34.Nxd5 Nxd5 35.Rxd5 Nf4 36.Red2 Nxd5 37.Rxd5 Endgame. KRR-KRN **37...Rc8** Repels Rd5-c5 **38.b3 Rb8 39.Na5 Kg7 40.Rd7+ Kf6 41.Rc7 Rd8** aiming for ... Rd8-d1+. **42.Kf1 Rd2 43.Nc4 Rd3 44.b4 f4 45.Ke2** -6.16/21
[⌓45.b5 -4.09/20 Rd1+ 46.Ke2]
45...Rb3 Black is clearly winning. **46.Rb7 f3+ 47.gxf3 exf3+ 48.Kd1 Re2**



49.Rb6+ Kg7 50.Kc1 Repels Rb3-b1+ **50...Rc3+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.09 (flawless)
0-1

111 **D02**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**
■ **Perunovic,Milos** **2535**
AUT-chT 2324 (7.4) 20.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 c5**
[3...g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Ne4 8.c3 Nc6 9.e3 Bg4 10.h3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bf5 12.Nfd2 Nf6 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.Nf3 Nd3 15.Ba3 Rc8 16.Ne2 Be4 17.Nh2 Bh6 18.Qd2 0-1 Anand,V (2795)-Comp Rebel10 game-2 8 game match 1998]
4.Bg2 cxd4 5.0-0N
[5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 Qf6 19.Qxb7 a5 ½-½ 10.♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th Hamburgo 1999 (6.2)]
5...e6 6.Nxd4 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.f4 exf4 10.gxf4 -0.44/18
[10.Bxf4= -0.01/17 Qb6+ 11.Kh1]
10...g6 0.25/18
[Black should try 10...h6∓ -0.44/18 11.Bh4 Nb6]
11.Nc3= Be7 12.Nd4!?N New and interesting. Theoretisch interessant.
[Vorgänger: 12.Kh1 -0.01/18 12.Nb3-d4 0.40 0-0 0.65/18 *(*Black should play *12...h6=* -0.01/18 *13.Bh4 0-0)* 13.Nd4!± f4-f5 is the strong threat. Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Qd2 0.01/18 *(15.Qe1!± 0.42/18)* 15...Rc8 16.Nxd5 -0.22/20 *(⌓16.Rad1 0.30/18)* 16...Nxd5= 17.Bxd5 Nf6 0.78/19 *(17...Nb6=* 0.01/20 *18.Bxb7 Bxg5 19.fxg5 Rc5)* 18.Bg2 1-0 Pichot,A (2638)-Delorme,A (2483) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (1)]
12...Rc8 13.Kh1!↑ Black is under pressure. **13...Nc5?** 2.06/18
[13...h6± 0.54/17 14.Bxf6 Nxf6]

(Diagram)

A mistake that costs the game. **14.f5+- Bd7 15.Bxf6**
[15.Bxd5? too greedy. Nxd5 16.Bxe7 Nxe7-+]
15...Bxf6 16.Nxd5 A dynamic duo of knights.
[Stronger than 16.Bxd5 0-0=]
16...Be5 17.Qd2 Threatens to win with Qd2-e3. **17...0-0 18.f6** Qd2-h6! would now be deadly. **18...Kh8?** 7.97/18
[18...Bxd4 2.48/19 19.Qxd4 Kh8]

19.Qh6! Rg8 Against Qh6-g7+ **20.Nf3**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.01 (flawless) /Black=0.33
1-0

112 **B80**
□ **Bartel,Mateusz** **2615**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
Airthings Masters Play In rapid (2)
[Kitty Kat]

B80: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 g3 and 6 Be3, including English Attack
ELSHAN'S EXPLORATIONS LEGENDS PLAYING THE RAGOZIN *** A botanical analysis and a few notes *** As part of Magnus Carlsen Invitational Tour, the "Legends of Chess" event was a unique one: three world champions, two challengers, and five elite players - both recent and current ones - took part in the preliminary event after which four participants qualified for the final stage. But what is so unique about this event? It is not only the clash of the "pre-Magnus era" leading players with some of today's elite, but it is also a clash between two generations. Those who played chess online as kids and those who have not spent much playing chess online before! The tournament proved a hard test for the older generation not only for its format, but also for its demanding nature as an online event. Despite seeing good fights from middle-aged lions, it was the young ones who prevailed with Carlsen showing his dominance once more by beating Nepomniachtchi in the final. I took a different angle toward this event and tried to explore the Ragozin Defence and its trending in the online events. The legends did not disappoint at all! Here, I

share four games with you, with the last one encompassing all of Ivanchuk's effort in transforming it into a Nimzo structure. Nevertheless, the most entertaining of these games is the one between Carlsen and Giri where the World Champion essayed another new idea in the Ragozin. An in-depth analysis of the line is included in the game. Dear readers, enjoy the material and stay safe! Avrukh,B: 'Inf 97/157' **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3N**

[6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0

A) 7...Bc5 8.Nb3 Be7 9.f4 *(9.a4 b6 10.Be3 Nc6 11.f4 d6 12.Qf3 Bb7 13.Rae1 Nb4 14.Qg3 h5 15.h3 g6 16.Nd4 h4 17.Qf2 Nd7 18.Nf3 Nc5 19.Rd1 0-0-0 20.Kh1 f5 21.e5 dxe5 22.Nxe5 g5 23.a5 gxf4 ½-½* Cubas,J (2425)-Avrukh,B (2633) (ol) 97/157 Torino 2006*)* 9...d6 10.a4 Nc6 11.a5 b5 12.axb6 Qxb6+ 13.Kh1 0-0 14.Qe2 a5 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Nb5 Qb8 17.c3 d5 18.e5 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.Bxc5 Ba6 22.c4 1-0 Carlsen,M (2863)-Giri,A (2764) chess24.com (Internet-m/2-rapid) 2020 Rd8 23.Nd6 f5 24.exf6 Rxd6 25.Qxe4 Bb7 26.Bxd6 Qxd6 27.Rad1 Nd8 28.f7+ Kxf7 29.Qxh7 Qc6 30.Rf2 Qe4 31.f5 e5 32.Rfd2 Bc6 33.Qg6+ Ke7 34.Rd7+ 1-0 Molina, R (2646)-13. ♖ad1 ♕b6 14. b3_22709 (2655) (ch) 73/(376) Russia 1998;

B) 7...d6 8.Qe2 Nbd7 9.Bd2 b6 10.Kh1 Be7 11.f4 g6 12.Rae1 Bb7 13.e5 Nh5 14.f5 Nxe5 15.fxe6 f6 16.Be4 0-0 17.Bd5 Ng7 18.Bh6 Kh8 19.Qd1 Rg8 20.Re3 f5 1-0 Mihok,O (2346)-Hepting,H (2214) Nuremberg LGA Cup 5th 2008 (7)]

6...Nf6 7.Bg2 d6 8.0-0 Be7 9.a4 0-0! now scores much better than the old 9... Nc6. punktet besser als das ältere 9... Sc6. **10.a5 Bd7 11.h3 Nc6 12.Nb3 Ne5** The position is equal. **13.f4 Nc4 14.g4N**

[Vorgänger: 14.Qe2 Rac8 15.Re1 d5 16.exd5 -0.99/21 *(16.e5∓ -0.33/19)* 16...Bb4 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Kh2 Nxb2 -0.11/21 *(18...Bxc3!∓ -0.99/19 19.bxc3 Rfe8)* 19.Bxb2= Bxc3 20.Bxc3 Qxc3 21.Bxb7 0-1 (36) Pourkashiyan,A (2371)-Hejazipour,M (2240) Mashhad 2011]

14...Bb5 0.76/18

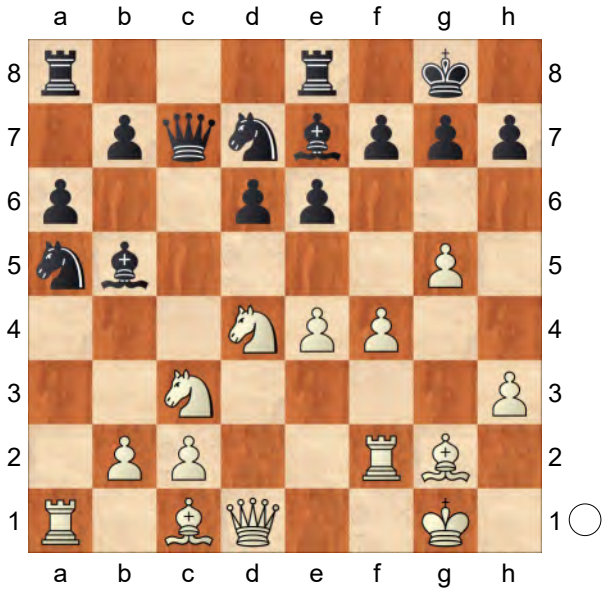
[14...h6!= -0.20/17]

15.g5± Nd7 16.Rf2 0.52/15

[16.Kh1± 0.89/16]

16...Rfe8 17.Nd4 Nxa5 1.44/19

[Better is 17...Nf8!± 0.64/16]



18.f5!

[18.Ndxb5?! axb5 19.Nxb5 Qc5=]

18...Bf8 1.82/23

[18...Bc4± 1.29/18]

19.fxe6+-
[19.Ndxb5?! axb5 20.fxe6 *(20.Nxb5 Qb6±)* 20...fxe6±]
19...fxe6 20.Ncxb5
[20.Ndxb5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Qc6±]
20...axb5 21.b4
[But not 21.Nxb5?! Qb6 22.Nd4 g6±]
21...Nc4 22.Rxa8 Overworked Piece
[Don't do 22.Nxb5 Qb6 23.Rxa8 Rxa8±]
22...Rxa8 23.Nxe6 Qb6 24.Bf4 0.63/19
[24.e5+- 1.85/19]
24...Nde5!± 25.Bf1 Ne3 26.Qd4 Qxd4 27.Nxd4 Nxf1 28.Rxf1 Rc8 29.Bd2 Nc4 30.Bc1 Nb6 31.Rf5 -0.48/22
[31.Be3= -0.01/19]
31...d5∓ Discovered Attack **32.e5** -0.83/21
[32.exd5∓ -0.46/19 g6 33.Rf3]
32...Bxb4∓ Strongly threatening ...Bb4-c5. **33.Kf1** -0.78/20
[33.Kg2∓ -0.42/20 might be stronger.]
33...g6 34.Rf3 -1.43/21
[⌓34.Rf6 -1.07/20]
34...Bc3 35.Nxb5 Bxe5 36.Be3 Nc4 37.c3? -3.02/23
[37.Ke2∓ -1.51/22 was necessary.]
37...Rf8-+ 38.Rxf8+ Kxf8 Endgame. KBN-KBN **39.Bc5+ Kf7 40.Kg2 Ke6 41.Kf3 Nd2+ 42.Kg4 Ne4 43.Bd4 Bxd4 44.cxd4** KN-KN **44...Kd7 45.Kf4 Nd6 46.Nc3 Ke6** aiming for ...b7-b5. **47.Na4 Ne4** Threatens to win with ...b7-b5. **48.h4?** -5.73/27
[48.Nb2 -2.70/26]
48...b5 Black is clearly winning. **49.Nb2 b4** Hoping for ...b4-b3. **50.Nd3 b3** ...Ne4-d2 would now be deadly. **51.Nb2 Nd2** White must now prevent ...Nd2-c4. **52.Nd3** -10.09/26
[⌓52.Na4 -4.70/26]
52...Kd6 Never resign too early!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/ Black=0.16 (very precise)
0-1

113 **D31**
□ **Bartel,Mateusz** **2615**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2728**
Airthings Masters Play In rapid (2)
[Kitty Kat]

D31: Queen's Gambit Declined: Semi-Slav without ...Nf6 (+ Marshall Gambit and Noteboom) and Exchange Variation lines without ...Nf6 Golod,Vitali: 'Golod, V: 'Inf 99/298'' Becker,A: 'Myers: This game was nominated by Roald Berthelsen in Chess Mail's 1998 best game ever competition. He wrote, "Based upon thousands of CC games I have in my CC library, the following is an exciting game and one of my favourites. It has almost everything you could wish, but if it does not qualify for the best CC game ever, I suggest that Prof. Becker should qualify for the Best Annotations ever for a CC game." The following notes by Prof. Albert Becker first appeared in a special number of the Magyar Sakkvilag, over two weeks, and were translated into German and published in CAISSA in 1949. This game was contested between the players who tied for 3rd place in the event. It was played from October 10, 1912, to August 28, 1913. /// Becker: In the year 1912 there began a notably strong international CC tournament, organised by Dr. Vecsey through the chess column of the Hungarian newspaper Alkotmany. There were 10 Hungarian players, 4 from Czechoslovakia, 3 Germans, 3

Romanians and one player each from Sweden, France, Austria, and Switzerland. After a great struggle the old fox Dr Nicolas Brody from Koloszvar (Romania) emerged in first place, without losing a game. The young foxes followed him: Kosta Rozic (Zagreb) and Dr Janos Balogh (Csikszereda) and Ferenc Chalupetzky (Gyor).' Becker: 'Game nominated by Roald Berthelsen in Chess Mail's 1998 best game ever competition: "Based upon thousands of CC games I have in my CC library, the following is an exciting game and one of my favourites. It has almost everything you could wish, but if it does not qualify for the best CC game ever, I suggest that Prof. Becker should qualify for the Best Annotations ever for a CC game."'

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6

[4...a6 5.c5 Bf5 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.Be2 Qc7 8.b4 e5 9.a4 Ne4 10.Bb2 Nxc3 11.Bxc3 e4 12.Nd2 Be7 13.b5 h5 14.b6 Qb8 15.Qb3 h4 16.h3 Be6 17.Qb2 f5 18.0-0-0 Nf6 19.f4 0-1 Gaborit,J (1953)-Meredith,D (2339) 40: Monarch Assurance Open, Erin Pori 2006 (2)]

5.Qc2N

[5.Nf3 Ne4 *(5...a6 6.b3 Nbd7 7.Bb2 Bd6 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 b5 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.e4 Nxe4 12.Nxe4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 bxc4 14.bxc4 Nf6 15.Qe3 Qe7 16.Rab1 Ng4 17.Qb3 c5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.h3 Bxf3 20.Qxf3 ½-½ Rodshtein,M (2530)-Golod,V (2597) 99/298 Dresden 2007)* 6.Bd3 f5 7.Ne5 Qh4 8.0-0 Bd6 9.f3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nd7 11.g3 Qh3 12.f4 Nf6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.c4 Be6 15.Rb1 h5 16.Rf2 Bxe5 17.fxe5 h4 18.exf6 hxg3 19.Rg2 dxc4 1-0 Chamberlain,A-Grimmer,B Great Britain corr 1995 20.fxg7 Rh7 21.Bf1 Rxg7 22.Rxg3 Rxg3+ 23.hxg3 Qxg3+ 24.Bg2 0-0-0 25.Qf1 Rg8 26.Rb2 b5 27.d5 c3 28.Re2 cxd5 29.Rf2 Bd7 30.Qd3 Qe5 31.Kf1 Rg3 32.Qxd5 Qxd5 33.Bxd5 a5 34.e4 b4 1-0 Chalupetzky,F-Balogh,J Alkotmany corr 1912 35.exf5 Bb5+ 36.Re2 Rd3 37.Be6+ Bd7 38.Bg5 a4 39.f6 Bxe6 40.Rxe6 Rf3+ 41.Ke2 Rf5 42.Kd3 Kd7 43.Re7+ Kd6 44.Bh4 Rf3+ 45.Kc2 Kd5 46.Re2 Rf4 47.Rf2 Rxf2+ 48.Bxf2 Ke6 49.Bd4 a3 1-0 Chalupetzky,F-Balogh,J Alkotmany tournament 1912]

5...Nbd7 6.Bd2 Bd6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 0-0 The position is equal. **9.Nge2 c5 10.Nb5 Be7 11.Ng3** -0.45/20

[11.dxc5= 0.00/19 Nxc5 12.0-0]

11...a6∓ 12.Nc3 Re8 13.0-0 Bf8 14.a4 b6 15.Be2 Bb7 16.Bf3 Qc7 17.Qb3 Rad8 18.Rac1 Ne4 19.Ncxe4 dxe4 20.Be2 Nf6 0.63/21

[20...Ne5!= 0.00/21]

21.Bb4 0.26/20

[21.Rfd1± 0.63/21 should be considered.]

21...Bd5 0.62/21

[21...a5= 0.26/20 is superior. 22.Ba3 Bc6]

22.Qc3± Bb7 23.Ba3

[23.dxc5 Nd5 24.Qb3 *(24.cxb6 Qb8∓)* 24...Nxb4 *(24...bxc5 25.Ba3±)* 25.Qxb4 bxc5±]

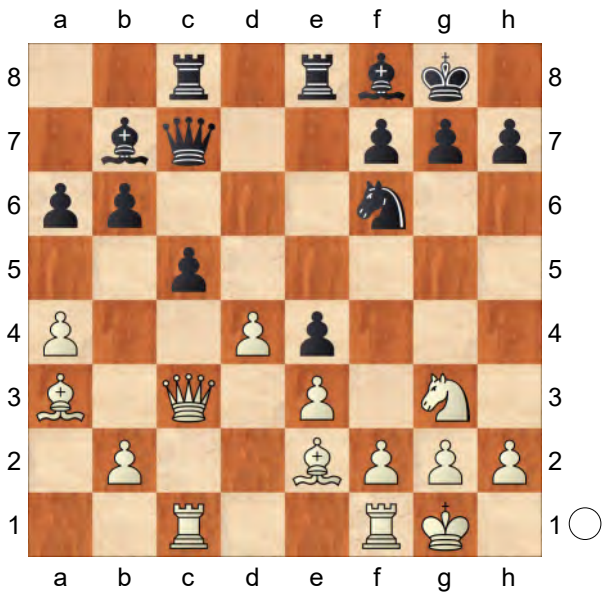
23...Rc8

(Diagram)

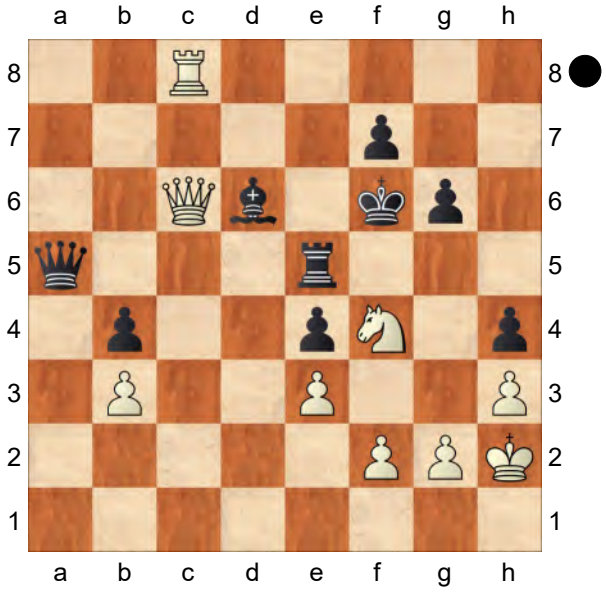
24.a5! Black must now prevent a5xb6. Deflection **24...bxa5** 1.26/22

[⌓24...Qd8 0.86/20]

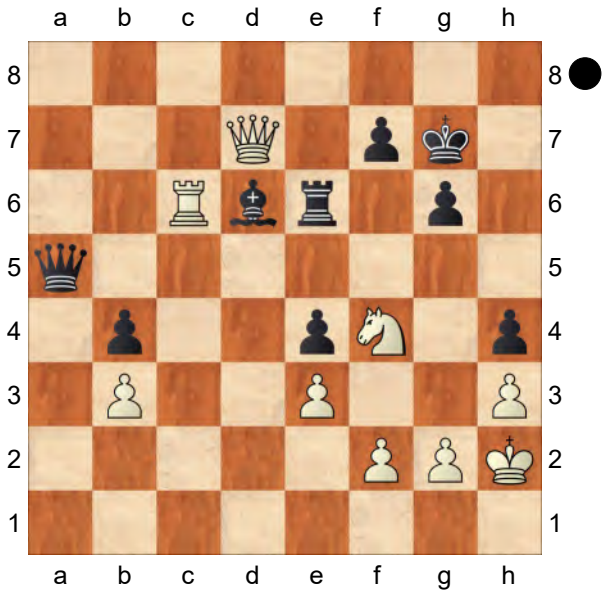
[24...Qd7 25.axb6]



25.dxc5 0.65/21
[Better is 25.Bxc5± 1.26/22 a4 26.Qb4]
25...Nd5 26.Qb3 Nb4 27.Bxb4
[27.Rfd1!?]
27...axb4 28.c6! Deflection
[28.Qxb4 a5 29.Qb3 Re5=]
[28.Bg4?! Rb8=]
28...Bxc6 29.Bxa6 Rb8 30.Bc4 Rb6 31.Rfd1 Re5 32.Qc2 Bc4-d5! would now be deadly. **32...Qe7 33.Bb3 h5 34.Ne2 h4 35.Nf4 Rg5** 1.53/21 Prevents Nf4-g6.
[35...Kh7± 0.61/21]
36.h3 1.01/23
[⌓36.Qd2 1.53/21]
36...g6 37.Bd5 Bb7 38.Rd4 Re5 39.Bxb7 0.48/21
[White should try 39.Bb3± 1.25/21]
39...Qxb7 40.Rd8 0.27/22
[40.Qd2± 0.75/20]
40...Rd6= 41.Rc8
[41.Rxd6 simplifies Bxd6 42.Qd2 Bf8 43.Qd4]
41...Kg7 42.Qa4 Qd7 43.Qa8 2.10/23
[43.Qb3= 0.01/23 Be7 44.R8c7 *(44.Qxb4?* perishes. *Rd1+-+)*]
43...Rd1++- 44.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 45.Kh2 Qd6 46.Rd8 Qc5 47.b3 Bd6 0.49/24
[47...Qe7= 0.01/25]
48.Rg8+± Kf6 49.Rc8 -1.12/24
[49.Rh8= 0.22/23 keeps the balance.]
49...Qa5!∓ 50.Qc6



Re6 51.Qd7 Kg7 ...g6-g5 is the strong threat. **52.Rc6?** -3.44/25
[52.g3∓ -1.00/26 hxg3+ 53.fxg3 Bxf4 54.gxf4 Qa2+ 55.Kg3]

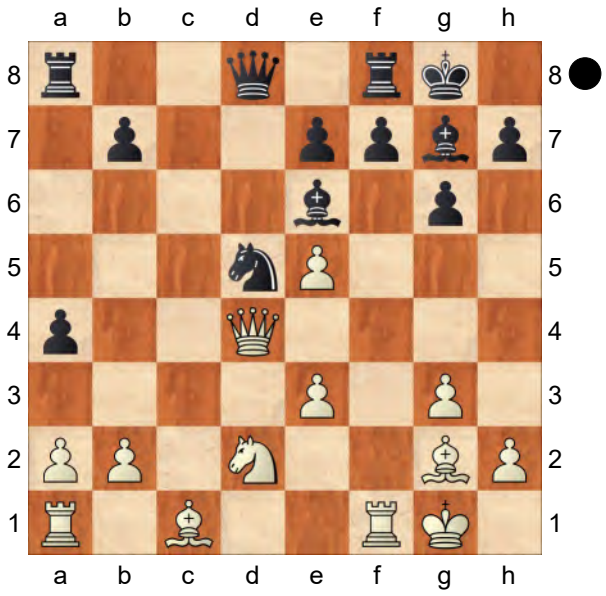


52...Qe5!-+ Strongly threatening ...g6-g5. **53.Qd8** Threatens to win with Rc6-

c8! **53...Qf6** Black is clearly winning. **54.Qxf6+ Rxf6 55.g3** -7.61/28
[⌓55.Rc4 -4.46/23 g5 Pin *(55...Bxf4+ 56.exf4 Rxf4 57.Kg1=)* 56.g3 hxg3+ *(56...gxf4? 57.gxf4 Re6 58.Kg2-+)* 57.fxg3 gxf4 58.gxf4]
55...Bxf4 Discovered Attack **56.Rxf6 Bxg3+**
[56...Kxf6 57.gxf4 Kf5 58.Kg2=]
57.fxg3 Kxf6
[57...hxg3+ 58.Kxg3 Kxf6 59.Kf4 g5+ 60.Kxe4∓]
58.gxh4 Ke5 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

114 **D78**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
■ **Salgado Lopez,Ivan** **2591**
FRA-chT Top 16 Gp Haute (4.3) 11.06.23
[Kitty Kat]

D78: Fianchetto Grünfeld: 6 0-0 c6 **1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4**
[4.0-0 Nf6 5.b3 0-0 6.Bb2 c5 7.c4 Nc6 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4+ Nf6 13.Qe5 Qd6 14.Qxd6 exd6 15.Nc3 Rd8 16.Rfd1 a6 17.Rd4 Rb8 18.Rad1 Bf5 1-0 Karjakin,S (2756)-Ponomariov,R (2731) Beijing Sportaccord blitz 2013 (11)]
4...Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4N
[6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 cxd4 *(7...Ne4 8.Qc1 Nc6 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.Rd1 e5 12.Qb2 f6 13.c4 d4 14.b4 Qb6 15.a3 a5 16.b5 Ne7 17.a4 Be6 18.Nbd2 Nc6 19.Ne1 Nb4 20.Ra3 Bf5 21.Nb3 Rac8 22.Rc1 ½-½* Grinza,A (2180)-Porchel,B (1978) Titled Tuesday intern op 06th Dec Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (2) *)* 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.c4 e5 10.Nf3 d4 11.e3 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 e4 14.Bg2 d3 15.Nd2 Nc6 16.Rc1 b6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nxe4 Bg7 19.Nc3 Rc8 20.Bxc6 Rxc6 1-0 Alinasab,M (2321)-Liyanage,R (2342) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Feb Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (4) 21.Nd5 Qd7 22.Kg2 Qf5 23.Qd2 Bh6 24.Rcd1 Qe4+ 25.Kh2 Qf3 26.Qxd3 Bg7 27.Kg1 h5 28.h4 Be5 29.e4 Qg4 30.Kg2 Rce6 31.Qf3 Bb8 32.Nf6+ Rxf6 33.Qxf6 Qxe4+ 34.Qf3 Qe6 35.Rfe1 Qxe1 1-0 Alingh Prins,J-Devriese,J NED-ch17 corr Netherlands 1987]
6...c6 7.Nbd2 a5 8.Ne5 a4 9.e3 Nbd7 10.f4 -0.47/20
[10.Nd3= 0.00/20 was preferrable.]
10...c5∓ 11.cxd5 cxd4 12.Ndc4 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Nxd5 14.Qxd4 Be6 ...Nd5-b4 would now be deadly. **15.Nd2** -1.60/19
[⌓15.Bd2 -1.03/20]



15...Qb6 -1.15/20 **16.Nf3 Qxd4 17.exd4 h6** Repels Nf3-g5 **18.Bd2**

Rfc8 19.Rfc1 Against Rc8-c2 **19...Nb6 20.Ne1 Bd5** -0.07/21
[20...Rd8∓ -0.53/21 feels stronger. 21.Be3 *(21.Bxb7 Rab8∓)* 21...f6 22.exf6 Bxf6]
21.Bxd5= Nxd5 22.Kf2 f6 23.Nd3 b6
[23...b5 simplifies 24.Rxc8+ Rxc8 25.Rc1 Rxc1 26.Bxc1 Kf7]
24.Kf3 Kf7 25.Ke4 e6 26.Nf4 fxe5
[26...b5 looks sharper. 27.g4 Nb6 28.exf6 Bxf6 29.Bb4 Rc4]
27.dxe5 Nxf4 28.Bxf4 b5 29.Be3 Ke8 30.b3 0.01/23
[30.b4± 0.43/22]
30...Bf8! The position is equal.
31.Rxc8+ Rxc8 32.Rf1 Bg7 Inhibits Rf1-f6. **33.Rd1 Bf8** Wards off Rd1-d6 **34.Rf1** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

115 **D02**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
■ **Pechac,Jergus** **2633**
EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen (4.1) 06.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

D02: 1 d4 d5 2 Nf3 sidelines, including 2...Nf6 3 g3 and 2...Nf6 3 Bf4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4N**
[3.g3 c5 *(3...g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Nxc6 bxc6* 28) 1.d4 d5 - Remaining Nonse-3.g3 & 6.b3*)* 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 ½-½ 10. ♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th Hamburgo 1999 (6.2)]
[3.e3 c5 4.c4 cxd4 5.exd4 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qb3 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Be2 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Rfe1 Rc8 14.Qb2 Na5 15.Nd2 Qd5 16.Bf1 Qf5 17.Bg3 e6 ½-½ Kluegel,J (2500)-Nickel,A (2630) 30/A (SUI) ICCF 2015]
[3.c4 c6 4.e3 e6 5.b3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bb2 b6 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 Rc8 12.Rac1 Qe7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Ne4 Bb8 15.Ne5 Nf8 16.Qh5 f6 17.Nc4 Nb4 0-1 Laxman,R (2378)-Swayham,P (1902) Bikaner op 1st 2022 (1)]
3...c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 cxd4 6.exd4 Bf5 7.c3 e6 8.Qb3 The position is equal. **8...Bd6 9.Bxd6** -0.11/18
[9.Qxb7± 0.31/20 Bxf4 10.Qxc6+ Kf8 11.Qa6]
9...Qxd6= 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 h6 12.Rfe1 Qc7 13.a4 a6 14.Qa3 Nd7 15.a5 Rfe8 16.h3 Bg6 17.Bf1 Bh5 18.Re3 Bxf3 19.Nxf3 e5 0.53/24
[19...Rac8= 0.13/18]
20.dxe5± Ndxe5 21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.Rxe5 Qxe5 23.Qc5 Rc8 24.Rd1 Ne7 25.Qa3 White is more active.
25...Nc6 26.g3 d4 27.cxd4 Qxa5 28.Qf3! Re8 1.36/21
[Better is 28...Rd8 0.89/19]
29.d5± Ne5 1.56/20
[⌓29...Nd8 1.14/18]
30.Qe3 Threatens to win with f2-f4.
30...Qa4 31.b3 Qd7 32.d6 Re6 2.07/21
[⌓32...f6 1.65/18 33.Bg2 Nf7]
33.Qb6!+- Nf3+ 34.Kh1 Re1 3.34/20
[34...Re2 2.14/21 might work better. 35.Bg2 *(35.Bxe2? Qxh3#)* 35...Ne5 36.Qxb7 Rxf2 37.Qa8+ *(37.Qxa6*

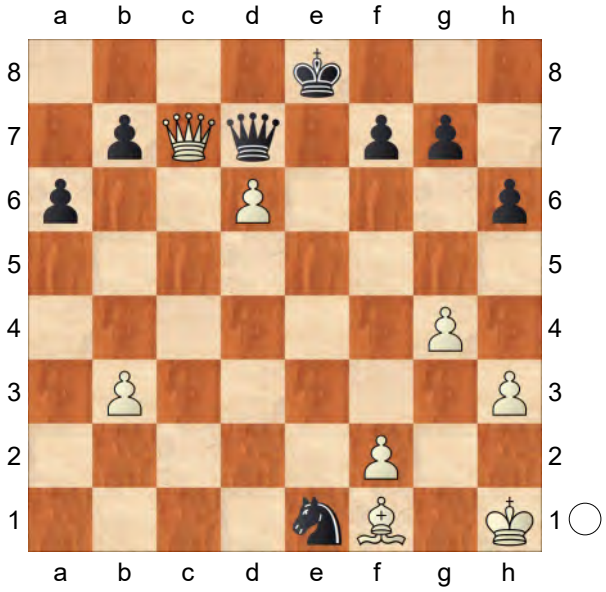
Qe8+-) 37...Kh7 38.Qe4+ *(38.Qxa6 Qf5±)* 38...Ng6]

35.Rxe1 Nxe1 Endgame. KQB-KQN

36.g4? 2.49/24

[36.Qc7 9.26/23 Qf5 37.Qxb7 Qxf2 38.Bc4 *(38.Bxa6 Nf3=; 38.Qxa6 Qf3+ 39.Kh2 Qf2+ 40.Kh1 Nf3=)*]

36...Kf8 37.Qc7 Ke8



White must now prevent ...Qd7xc7.

38.Qb8+ Qd8 39.Qxb7 Qxd6 40.Qe4+

[40.Qxa6 Qd5+ 41.Kg1 Nf3+ 42.Kg2 Ne5+ 43.Kh2 Qxb3=]

40...Qe7 41.Qa8+ Qd8 42.Qxd8+

[42.Qxa6?! Qd5+ 43.Kg1 Nf3+ 44.Kh1 Nh4+ 45.Kh2 Qe5+ 46.Kh1 Qe4+ 47.Kh2 Qf4+ 48.Kh1 Qe4+ 49.Kh2 Qf4+ 50.Kg1 Nf3+ 51.Kg2 Nh4+ 52.Kh1 Qe4+=]

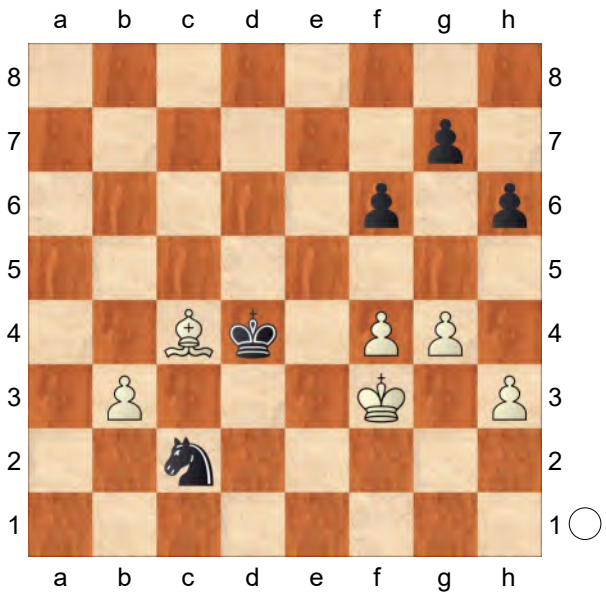
42...Kxd8 43.Bxa6± KB-KN **43...Kc7 44.f4 Kb6 45.Bc4 f6 46.Kg1 Kc5 47.Kf2 Nc2 48.Kf3 Kd4**

(Diagram)

49.g5! fxg5 3.05/28

[49...hxg5 1.64/22 was called for. 50.fxg5 Ke5]

50.fxg5+- Ke5 51.Kg4 Ne3+ 5.69/27



[51...Nd4 3.59/25 keeps fighting. 52.gxh6 gxh6]

52.Kh5 Ng2 53.gxh6 Nf4+ 54.Kg4 gxh6 55.Bf1 Dodges Nf4-g2 **55...Nd5 56.Kh5 Ne3 57.Bc4 Nf5 58.Bd3** aiming for Bd3xf5. **58...Nd4 59.b4**

[Stronger than 59.Kxh6 Nxb3 60.Kg6 Nd4=]

59...Kf4 7.65/23

[⌓59...Ne6 4.00/23 60.Kxh6 *(60.Bf1 Nd4+-)* 60...Nf4]

60.b5 Kg3 61.b6

[And not 61.Kxh6 Nxb5 62.Bxb5 Kxh3=]

61...Nc6 62.Bf1 Na5 63.Kxh6 Kh4 64.Bg2 Nc4 65.b7 White mates. **65...Ne5 66.b8Q Ng6 67.Qd8+**

Weighted Error Value: White=0.19 (very precise) /Black=0.19 (very precise)

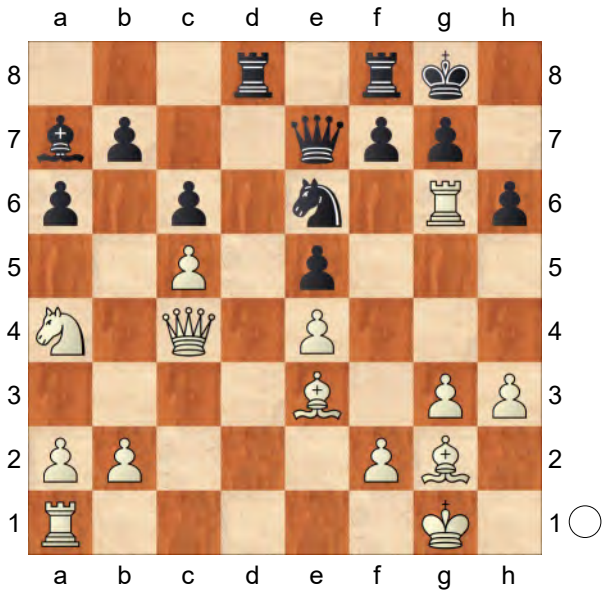
1-0

116 **B47**
□ **Felgaer,Ruben Alejandro** **2572**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
Julius Baer Play In rapid (2.54)24.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

B47: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 f4, 6 g3 and 6 Be2 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 a6 8.0-0 Bc5N**
[8...Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 36.Qf7 Ref8 37.Qe6 Re8 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]
9.Nxc6 dxc6 10.Na4 Ba7 11.c4 e5 12.c5 Bg4 The position is equal. **13.Qc2 0-0 14.h3 Bh5** 0.74/19
[14...Be6± 0.36/18]
15.Be3 Bg6 16.Rfd1 Rad8 17.Bg5 0.22/19
[17.Qc4± 0.68/17 should be considered.]
17...Qe7 18.Qc4 h6 19.Be3 Nh7 0.97/18
[19...Rfe8± 0.36/19]
20.Rd6!± White is more active. White stays focused until the end. **20...Ng5?** 4.31/20 **21.Rxg6+- Ne6**

(Diagram)

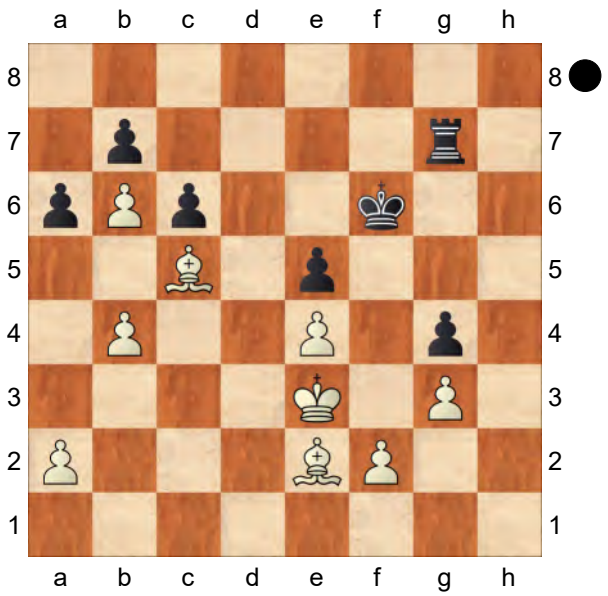
22.Rxe6 fxe6



[22...Qxe6 23.Qxe6]
23.h4 Kh7 24.b4 g5 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.Bh3 Rfe8 27.Bg4 Kg6 28.Kg2 Kg7 29.Rh1 Rh8 30.Rxh8 Rxh8 31.Qxe6 Qxe6 32.Bxe6 Kf6 33.Bb3 Rd8 34.Nb6 Bxb6 6.87/23
[⌓34...Rd3 4.68/21 35.Kh3 Bxb6 36.cxb6 Rd7]
35.cxb6 g4 36.Kf1 Rd7 37.Ke1 Rd8 38.Bd1 Rg8 39.Kd2 Ke7 40.Kc3 Kd6 41.Bc5+ Kd7 42.Be2 Rg6 43.Kd2 Rg7 44.Ke3 Ke6 45.Bc4+ Kf6 46.Be2? 0.01/19
[Better is 46.Bd6+- 8.13/21]

(Diagram)

46...Ke6= 47.f3 White is clearly winning. **47...gxf3 48.Kxf3 Rh7 49.Kg2 Kf6 50.g4 Rd7 51.Be3** Inhibits Rd7-d2. **51...Kg6 52.g5 Rd8 53.Kg3 Ra8 54.Bg4 a5 55.Bf5+ Kg7 56.bxa5 Rxa5 57.Bc8 Rxa2 58.Bxb7 Ra3 59.Kf2 Ra2+ 60.Kf3** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.46
1-0



117 **E18**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2719**
■ **Kozak,Adam** **2571**
Budapest Hetenyi Memorial (8) 18.07.23
[Kitty Kat]

E18: Queen's Indian: Old Main Line (4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Be7 6 0-0 0-0 7 Nc3) **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.d4 e6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 Na6 8.Nc3 Ne4 9.Bf4** Recently 9.Bd2 got a lot of attention. 9.Ld2 erhält neuerdings viel Aufmerksamkeit. **9...Nxc3 10.bxc3 Be4** White is slightly better.

[10...Nb8 11.e4 d6 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 Bd6 15.Qf3 Nd7 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Nc6 Qf6 18.Re4 Kh8 19.Qe2 Qg6 20.Bc1 Nf6 21.Rh4 Qf5 22.Rd3 g5 23.Rf3 Qg6 24.Ne5 Qg7 25.Rxf6 1-0 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2707)-Chitrit,N (2610) II 100/368 Sarajevo 2007 (1)]

11.h4

[11.a4 c5 12.d5 Bf6 13.Qd2 exd5 14.cxd5 Re8 15.Rad1 d6 16.Bf1 h6 17.h4 Nc7 18.c4 Na6 19.Nh2 Nb4 20.Rc1 g5 21.hxg5 hxg5 22.Be3 Bf5 23.Bg2 a6 24.Bf3 b5 25.a5 Rxe3 0-1 Svane,R (2646)-McShane,L (2626) Bundesliga 2324 Germany 2023 (5.2)]

11...h6N An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Predecessor: 11...d6 12.Bf1 Bxf3 0.90/18 *(12...Nb8± 0.33/17 13.Nd2 Bb7 14.e4 Nd7 15.a4 e5 16.Be3 a5 17.Rb1 Bc6 18.Bh3 Nf6 19.Qc2 Qe8 20.Ra1 Bd7 21.Bxd7 Qxd7 22.Nf1 Nh5 23.Qd1 Nf6 24.f3 Qe6 25.Qd3 Nh5 26.g4 Nf4 27.Bxf4 exf4* 0-1 Semi Slav Cxd5 (2606)-Chitrit,N (2574) Chicago op 19th Wheeling 2010 (7.10)) 13.exf3± Nb8 14.Qc2 Nd7 15.Bh3 -0.15/19 *(Better is 15.Bd3± 0.84/17)* 15...Nf6 0.62/16 *(15...Bxh4!= -0.15/19 16.Be3 Bf6)* 16.Re2 c5 0.87/20 *(16...c6± 0.36/16)* 17.Rae1 -0.01/20 *(17.d5± 0.87/20 e5 18.Bd2)* 17...cxd4!= 18.cxd4 1-0 Xiong,J (2679)-Wei,Y (2736) chess.com Speed U20 Chess.com INT blitz 2019 (4.30)]

12.h5 0.01/19

[12.Ne5± 0.38/18 Bxg2 13.Kxg2]

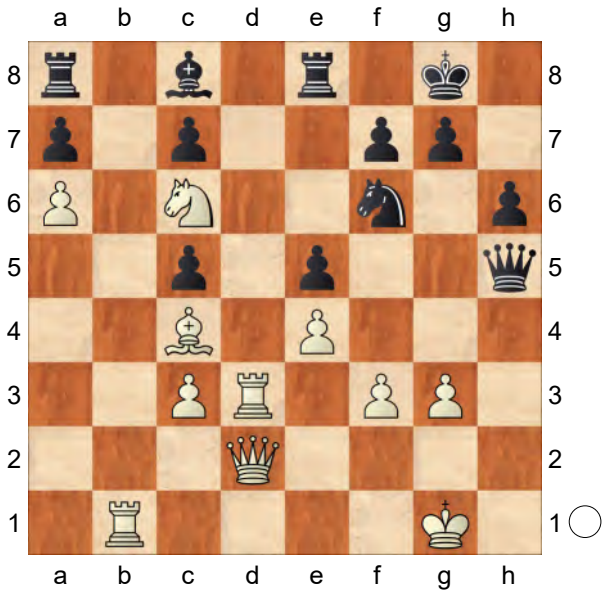
12...Nb8 13.Bf1 d6 14.Nd2 Bb7 15.e4 Bg5 16.Be3 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 e5 18.a4 Nd7 19.a5 Nf6 20.c5 bxc5 21.dxe5 dxe5 22.a6 Bc6 23.Nc4 Qe7 24.Na5 Bd7 25.Rb1 Bc8 0.01/17 Wards off Rb1-b7

[Black should play 25...c4∓ -0.54/17]

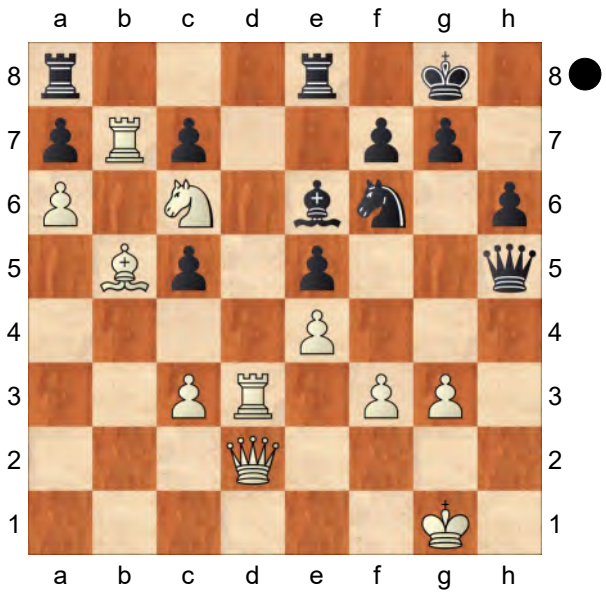
26.Bc4 Ng4 27.Rd3 Qg5 28.Qd2 Qxh5 ...Qh5-h2+ is the strong threat. **29.f3 Nf6 30.Nc6 Re8**

(Diagram)

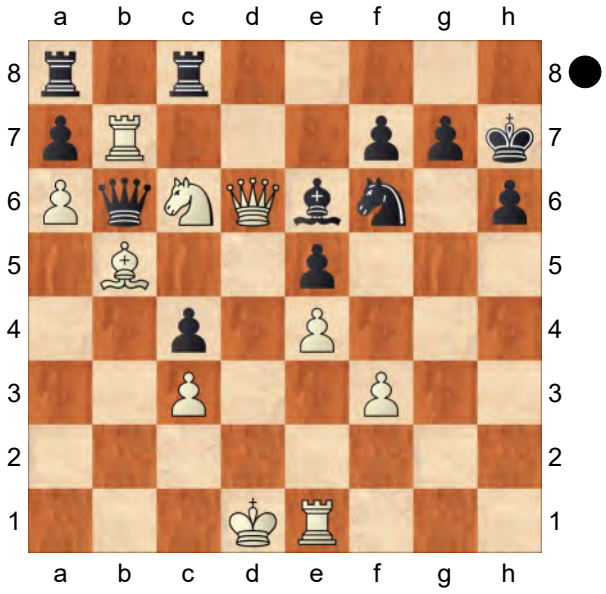
Threatens to win with ...Bc8-e6. **31.Rb7?** -2.55/21 White is now going downhill.



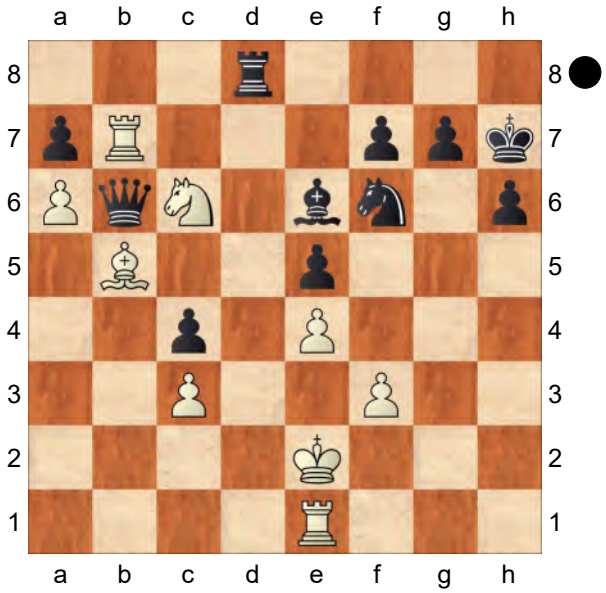
31...Be6-+ 32.Bb5 -3.09/19
[32.Bxe6 -2.15/19 keeps fighting. Rxe6 33.Rxc7]



32...c4! 33.Re3 Qg5 34.Rxc7 Qxg3+ 35.Kf1 -5.35/21
[35.Qg2 -3.56/19 was called for. Qf4 36.Re2]
35...Kh7 36.Ke2 Rec8 37.Re7 -5.89/22
[37.Rb7 -3.93/19 was worth a try.]
37...Qg1 Hoping for ...Nf6-g4! **38.Qd6 Qg2+** -4.94/21
[⌓38...Ng4 -11.05/20 (→ ...Qg1-f2+) 39.Qd2 Rd8 *(39...Qxe3+? 40.Qxe3 Nxe3 41.Kxe3-+; 39...Qf2+? 40.Kd1-+)*]
39.Kd1 Qg1+? -0.01/20
[39...Ng4-+ -5.02/21 40.fxg4 Bxg4+ 41.Kc1 Qg1+ 42.Kc2 Qxe3]
40.Re1 -7.21/20
[40.Ke2= -0.01/20 Ng4 41.Rd3]
40...Qb6 Black is clearly winning.
41.Rb7



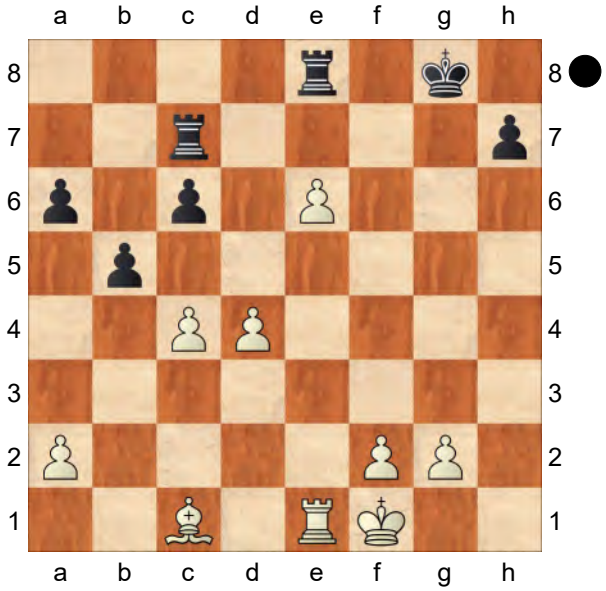
Rd8! 42.Qxd8
[42.Qd4 Qxc6]
42...Rxd8+ 43.Ke2



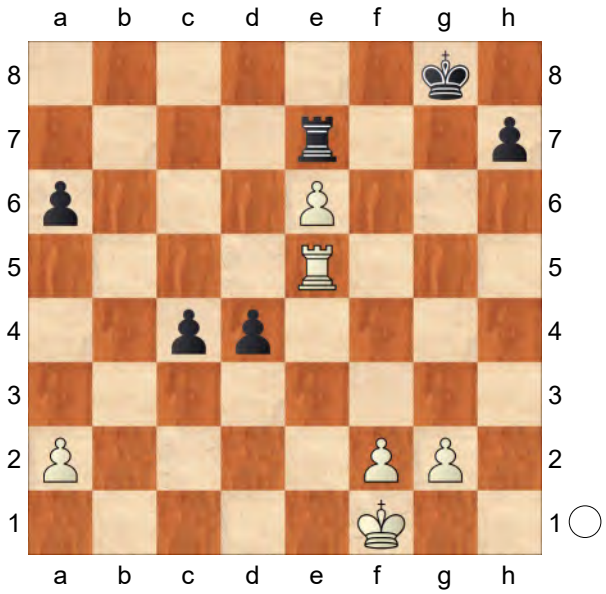
Rd2+!! 44.Kxd2 Qf2+ 45.Re2 Qxf3 46.Nb4 Prevents Qf3-d3+ **46...Nxe4+ 47.Rxe4 Qxe4 48.Ba4 Qf4+ 49.Kc2 Qf2+ 50.Kc1 h5 51.Bc2+ Kh6 52.Nc6 Bd5 53.Nd8 Bxb7 54.axb7 Qg1+ 55.Kd2 Qg5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.82/Black=0.53
0-1

118 **C83**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2721**
■ **Mamedyarov,Shakhriyar** **2747**
Deutschland 155/131 2022
[Kitty Kat]

C83: Open Ruy Lopez: 9 c3 Be7 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Be7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Nbd2 Bg4 12.h3 Nxd2 13.hxg4**
[13.Bxd2 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nxe5∓]
13...Nxf1 14.Kxf1 Na5! Threatens to win with ...Na5xb3. **15.Bxd5 c6 16.Be4** White wants to play Qd1-c2. **16...Qxd1+ 17.Rxd1 Nc4 18.Bc1** This pair of bishops is nice. **18...Rfd8 19.Re1** White has compensation. **19...Rac8 20.Nd4**
[20.g5 g6 21.g3 Caruana,F (2806)-Dominguez Perez,L (2758) Saint Louis (blitz) 149/(125) 2021]
20...Bc5
[20...Nxe5? perishes. 21.Bf5 c5 22.Rxe5± *(22.Bxc8 cxd4 23.Rxe5 Bf6+-)*]
21.Bf5N
[21.b3 Nxe5 22.Bf5 Bxd4 23.cxd4 Nd7 24.Bg5 g6 ½-½ Petirova,I-Koroviansky Berlin 1897]
21...Rc7 22.e6 Bxd4 23.cxd4
[23.exf7+ with more complications. Kf8 24.cxd4 Rxd4 25.b3]
23...Re8 24.b3 g6
[24...Nb6 simplifies 25.exf7+ Kxf7 26.Rxe8 Kxe8 27.Bxh7 Nd5]
25.bxc4 gxf5 26.gxf5
[Reject 26.Bf4 Rb7 27.gxf5 bxc4∓]
26...fxe6 27.fxe6=



Endgame. And now Bc1-f4 would win. KRR-KRB **27...Rce7! 28.d5 bxc4 29.Ba3 cxd5! 30.Bxe7 Rxe7±** KR-KR **31.Re5 d4**

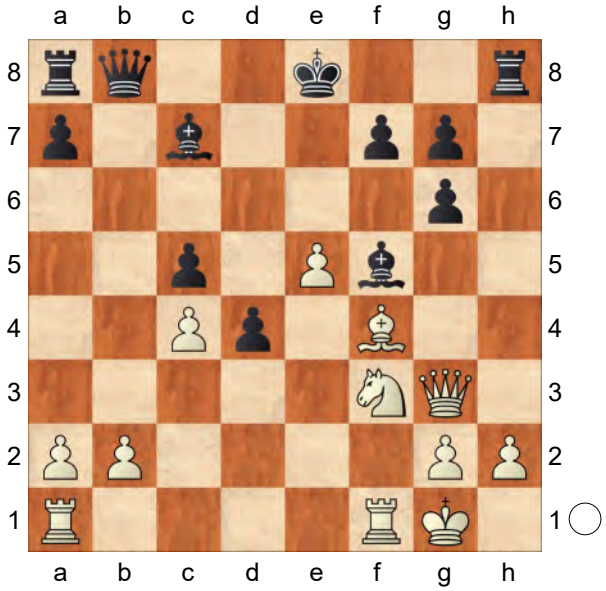


aiming for ...d4-d3. **32.Re4 d3** White must now prevent ...c4-c3. **33.Rxc4** Hoping for Rc4-g4+. **33...Rxe6**

...d3-d2 would now be deadly. **34.Rd4 Re2 35.a3 Rd2** The position is equal. **36.Ke1** Prevents Rd2-d1+. **36...Re2+ 37.Kf1 Rd2 38.Ke1** Against Rd2-d1+. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)
½-½

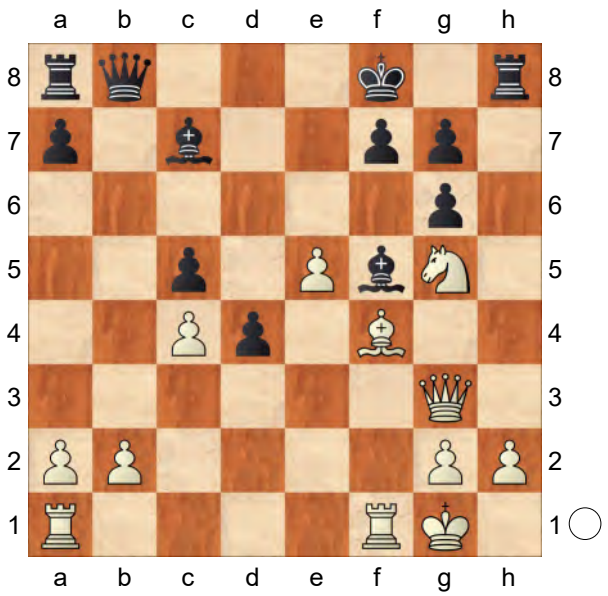
119 **C07**
□ **Kovalev,Vladislav** **2648**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2676**
EU-Cup Online Gr-F rapid (3.1) 27.03.21
[Kitty Kat]

C07: French Tarrasch: 3...c5, 4 Ngf3 and 4 exd5 Qxd5 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.Qe2 e5 10.c4 d4** The position is equal.
11.0-0 Ne7 12.f4
[12.c5 Bxc5 13.Nc4 Ng6 14.Qh5 Qe7 15.g3 0-0 16.Bd2 Bb4 17.Bc1 Rab8 18.a3 Bd6 19.b4 c5 20.f4 f6 21.Bd2 Bc7 22.Rf2 Bc6 23.f5 Nh8 24.Rc1 Nf7 25.Na5 Bxa5 26.Rxc5 Bxe4 0-1 Kanli,A (2492)-Schmoyer,C (2483) 47/(209) Vrnjacka Banja 1989 (4.6)]
12...exf4N 0.92/21
[12...c5= -0.25/21 keeps the balance. 13.b4 cxb4 14.a3 Nc6 15.Nb3 bxa3 16.c5 Bc7 17.f5 f6 18.Bc4 Kf8 19.Rxa3 a5 20.Nd2 Qe7 21.Kh1 Be8 22.Rg3 Bf7 23.Bd5 Qd7 24.Qg4 Rg8 25.Be6 Qe7 26.Nc4 h5 27.Qh3 Qxc5 1-0 Movsesian,S (2619)-Ozen,D (2397) EU-Cup 37th Mayrhofen 2022 (4.5)]
[12...Ng6 13.f5 Nf8 14.Nf3 f6 15.Nh4 c5 16.Qh5+ Ke7 17.Qg4 Rg8 18.Bd2 Rb8 19.b3 Be8 20.Rac1 Bf7 21.Qd1 Nd7 22.Qc2 Nb6 23.b4 Nd7 24.b5 Bc7 25.Rb1 Ba5 26.Nf3 Bxd2 27.Qxd2 1-0 Ulasevich,S (2236)-Baum,J (2420) EU-ch Blitz Katowice 2022 (17)]
13.e5!↑ White has strong initiative.
13...Bc7 14.Nf3 -0.10/20
[14.Rxf4 Ng6 15.Nf3 Nxf4 16.Bxf4 Qe7∓]
[14.Ne4± 0.96/24]
14...Ng6= 15.Bxg6
[15.Nxd4? Bb6 16.Qe4 Be6 17.Qxc6+ *(17.c5? Bd5-+)* 17...Kf8-+]
15...hxg6 16.Bxf4 Bf5 Inhibits Qe2-e4.
17.Qf2 c5 0.35/22
[17...d3= -0.10/20]
18.Qg3 -0.03/19
[18.Ng5± 0.35/22 should be considered.]
18...Qb8? 2.22/20
[18...Rc8= -0.03/19]

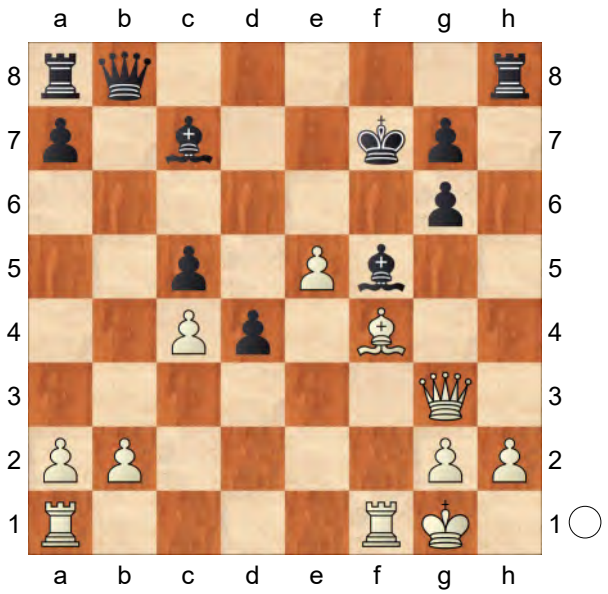


19.Ng5!+- Kf8 3.44/21
[19...Qxb2 2.10/19 keeps fighting. 20.Qf3 *(20.e6 Bxf4 21.exf7+ Kd7±)* 20...0-0-0 *(20...0-0? 21.g4+-)*]

(Diagram)



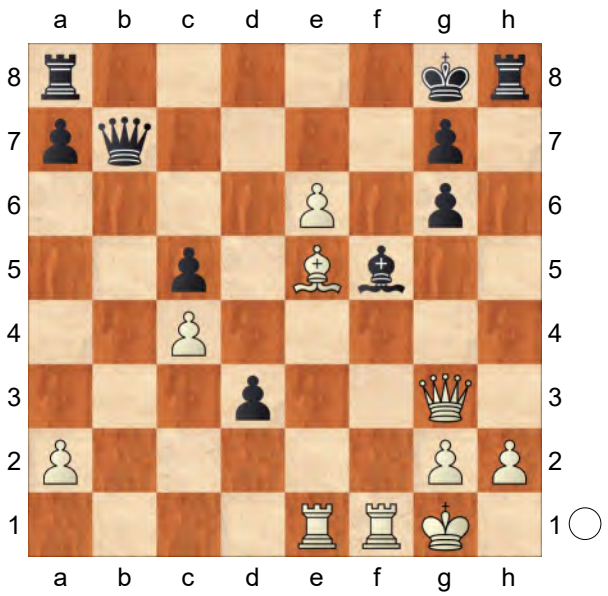
20.Nxf7! Remove Defender, Decoy
20...Kxf7
[20...Rh5 21.e6]



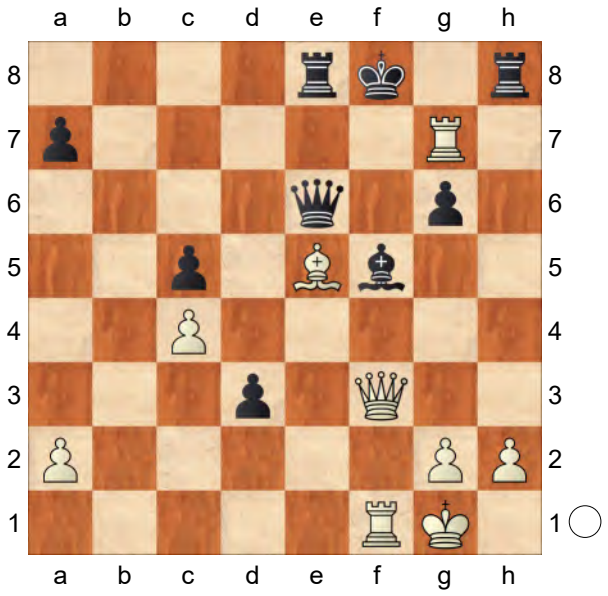
21.e6+! Discovered Attack **21...Kg8**
22.Bxc7 Qxb2 23.Rae1 d3 24.Be5
Wards off Qb2-d4+ **24...Qb7**

(Diagram)

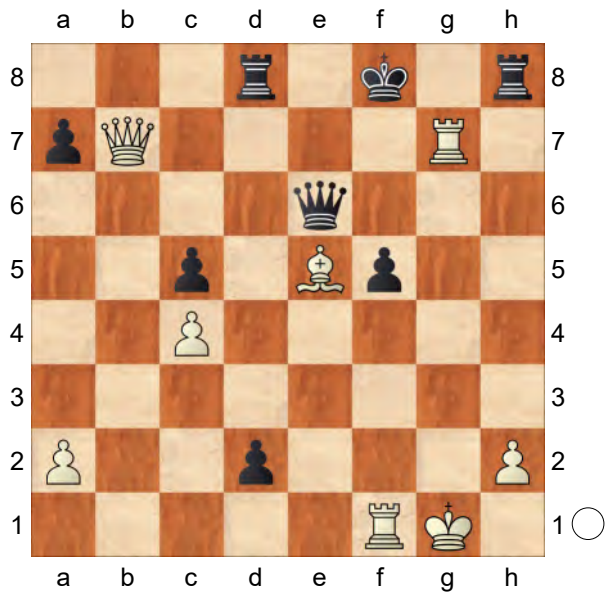
25.Rb1? 0.76/21 Black is weak on the dark squares
[25.Bd6!+- 2.41/19 and the rest is easy.]



25...Qe7± **26.Qf3** Hoping for Rb1-b7! Chess con chili. White has more active pieces. **26...Re8?** 8.09/24
[26...Rd8± 1.02/22]
27.Rb7+- Skewer **27...Qxe6 28.Rxg7+**
[28.Bxg7 Rh7 29.Bc3 Qe4
(29...Qxc4 30.Rxh7 Qxc3 31.Rxa7±; 29...Rxb7 30.Qxb7 Qe3+ 31.Kh1=) 30.Rxh7 Kxh7=]
28...Kf8



29.Qb7! **Rd8** **30.g4** Pin **30...d2**
31.gxf5 gxf5



32.Rxf5+!! Ke8 33.Qb5+ Rd7 34.Qb8+ Rd8 35.Qb5+
[35.Qxa7 g e t s m a t e d . d1R+ *(35...d1B 36.Rf6; 35...d1Q+ 36.Rf1)* 36.Rf1 Rxf1+ *(36...Qxe5 37.Qf7#)* 37.Kxf1 Qf5+ *(37...Qxe5 38.Qf7#)* 38.Kg1 Rd1+ *(38...Qxe5 39.Qf7#)* 39.Kg2 Rd2+ *(39...Qxe5 40.Qa4+ Kf8 41.Qxd1-+; 39...Qe4+ 40.Kg3 Rd3+ 41.Kf2 Rd2+ 42.Kg3 Rg2#)* 40.Kh1 Qf3+ 41.Kg1 Qd1#]
35...Rd7 36.Qxd7+ 4.82/5
[⌓36.Rf1 9.74/25]
36...Qxd7 37.Rxd7 Discovered Attack
37...Kxd7 Endgame. KRB-KR **38.Rf1**
[38.Bxh8? loses. d1Q+ *(38...d1R+? perishes. 39.Kg2+-)* 39.Rf1 Qg4+ 40.Kh1 Qh3-+ *(40...Qxc4? 41.Rd1+ Kc6 42.Rg1-+)*]
38...Rh4 White is clearly winning. **39.Rd1 Rxc4** Threatens to win with ... Rc4-c1. **40.Rxd2+ Ke6 41.Re2 Ra4 42.Kg2 c4 43.Kf3 Kf5 44.Bc3** aiming for Re2-e5+. **44...Ra3 45.Rc2 Ra6 46.Ke3 Rd6 47.Rf2+ Kg4 48.Rd2 Rc6 49.Kd4 Kh3 50.Re2 Rc7 51.Kd5 Rc8 52.Be5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.65/Black=0.44
1-0

120 **D38**
□ **Vachier Lagrave,Maxime** **2770**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2674**
Gibraltar Masters 18th (10) 30.01.2020
[Krasenkow,Michal]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 0-0 7.e3 Bf5 8.Qb3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 h6 About this line - see CBM 182, annotations to Ding Liren - Aronian by GM Alex Yermolinsky.
10.Bf4!?N A new idea
[10.Bh4 leads to a position arising from various move orders. Here is the important reference game, mentioned above: g5 *(Black can play safer: 10...Nbd7)* 11.Bg3 Ne4 12.Qxc7 Nc6! is a key idea by Levon Aronian: 13.Qxd8 *(⌓13.Bb5 Rc8 14.Qxd8 Rfxd8 15.0-0 h5* - see present game *)* 13...Rfxd8 14.Be2 Rac8 15.0-0 h5! 16.h4 g4 17.Ne5 Nb4 18.Bf4 f6 19.Nd3 Nc3! 20.bxc3 1/2 (20) Ding,L (2774)-Aronian,L (2801) Palma de Mallorca 2017 CBM 182 [Yermolinsky,A] *(20.bxc3 Nxd3 21.Bxd3 Bxd3 22.Rfc1 Rc4=)*]
10...Ne4 Black decides to reply in the same manner as after 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3; however, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave plays differently. **11.Qxc7 Nc6 12.Bb5! Rc8 13.Qxd8 Rfxd8 14.0-0 g5 15.Bg3 h5** This position could have happened in Ding-Aronian, too - see above. **16.h3 Ne7?!** Too humble.
[The active 16...Nb4 is a better option. After 17.Bh2 *(17.Rac1?! a6 18.Be2 Nxa2; 17.Rfc1 Nc2 18.Rab1 Nxg3 19.fxg3 g4⇄)* 17...a6 18.Be2 Rc2

19.Rfe1 Rxb2 20.Rab1 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 a5 Black is not worse. It is unclear what White had prepared in that case.]

17.Rfc1 Nxg3 18.fxg3± White's double pawns is an insufficient compensation for Black's material deficit although it requires a lot of work from White to convert his extra pawn. **18...g4 19.hxg4 hxg4 20.Nd2 Bc2 21.Nb1! Bxb1 22.Raxb1 f5** An attempt to keep the position closed but almost all Black's pawns are now on light squares, which is a good news for White's light-squared bishop. **23.Bd3 Kf7 24.Rc3!? Ke6 25.Kf2?!**

[The immediate 25.Ra3 was more accurate.]

25...Rh8?!

[25...Rxc3 26.bxc3 Rc8 27.Rc1 Rc6 was a better way to create counterplay.]

26.Ra3! White must create weaknesses in Black's camp. **26...Ra8**

[26...a6 27.Rb3 b5 28.Ke2!? *(28.a4 bxa4 29.Rb4* is not enough due to *a5 30.Rxa4 Nc6)* 28...Rh2 29.Rg1 , then pushing a2-a4 at an appropriate moment.]

27.Rc1

[27.Rb3!? b6 *(27...Rab8 28.Rc1 Rhc8 29.Rh1)* 28.a4]

27...Nc8 28.b4 Nd6 29.b5 Rhc8 30.Rc5 Rd8?!

[30...Rxc5 31.dxc5 Nc4 was possible, with good drawing chances, e.g. 32.Rc3 *(32.Bxc4 dxc4)* 32...Rc8 33.c6 bxc6 34.Bxc4 dxc4 35.Rxc4 Kd5 36.Rxc6 Rxc6 37.bxc6 Kxc6 with a drawish pawn endgame.]

31.Rac3 Rd7 32.a4 b6? This move, weakening the c6 square, worsens Black's position.

[⌓32...Rh7 33.a5 Rf8 , and White can hardly break Black's defence. A possible continuation: 34.a6 bxa6 35.bxa6 Ne4+ 36.Bxe4 fxe4+ 37.Ke2 Rb8 38.Rc2 Rh2 39.Kf2 Rh1 40.Rc6+ Kf5 41.Rd6 Rbb1 42.Rxd5+ Ke6 43.Re5+ Kd6 44.Ke2 Rbd1 45.Rxe4 Rhe1+ with a perpetual.]

33.Rc6 Rdd8 34.Ke2 Rd7 Black decides to wait but it doesn't help anymore. **35.Rc1 Rh8 36.a5** Probably premature.

[⌓36.Rf1 Rh5 37.Kd2 bringing the king to b4 and then playing a4-a5.]

36...bxa5 37.Ra6 Rh2 38.Kf2 Rhh7 39.Rcc6 Rhf7?! Another passive move.

[39...Rh1 was a better chance: 40.Rxa5 *(40.Bxf5+ Kxf5 41.Rxd6 Rxd6 42.Rxd6 Rb1 43.Rxd5+ Ke4 44.Re5+ Kd3⇄)* 40...Rd1 41.Bc2 Rd2+ 42.Kg1 Rb7 43.Ra2! Ke7! , continuing stubborn resistance.]

40.Ke2 a4 41.Rxa4 Rb7 42.Raa6 Rfd7 43.Kd2 Ke7 44.Rc5 Ke6 45.Kc3 Rb8

[45...Rb6 46.Rxb6 axb6 47.Rc6]

46.Kb4 Rh8 Too late. **47.Rc1**

[47.Bb1!?+-]

47...Rh2 48.Rf1

[48.Kc5!? Rc7+ *(48...Rxg2 49.Rh1+-)* 49.Rc6 Rxc6+ 50.bxc6 Rxg2 51.Rh1]

48...Ke7 49.Bxf5 Nxf5 50.Rxf5 Rxg2 51.Rg5 Rxg3

[51...Kf7!? 52.Rag6!? Rb2+ 53.Ka4 Re7 54.Rg7+ Kf6 55.Rxe7 Kxg5 56.Ka5 Ra2+ 57.Kb4 Kf6! *(57...Rg2 58.Rxa7 Rxg3 59.b6 Rg1 60.Kc5+-)* 58.Rc7 Ke6 59.Rc6+ Kf5 60.Ra6 Rxa6 61.bxa6 Ke4 62.Kc5 Kf3 63.Kxd5 Kxg3 64.e4 Kf2 65.e5 g3

66.e6 g2 67.e7 g1Q 68.e8Q with a winning queen endgame.]

52.Rg7+ Ke8 53.Rxd7 Kxd7 54.Rxa7+ Ke6

[54...Kd6 55.Rg7 Rxe3 56.Rxg4 Re6 57.Ka5+-]

55.b6 Rg1 56.b7 Rb1+ 57.Kc5 Rc1+ 58.Kb6 Rb1+ 59.Kc7 Rc1+ 60.Kd8 Rb1 61.Ra6+

[61.Kc8 Rc1+ 62.Kb8 was much simpler.]

61...Kf5 62.Kc7 g3 63.Rb6 Under time pressure White fails to calculate

[63.b8Q Rxb8 64.Kxb8 g2 *(64...Ke4 65.Re6+ Kf3 66.Kc7 g2 67.Rg6 Kxe3 68.Rxg2 Kxd4 69.Kd6)* 65.Ra1 Ke4 66.Kc7 Kxe3 67.Rd1 *(*or *67.Kd6 Kxd4 68.Re1!* (the key move, cutting off Black's king) *Kc4 69.Ke5+-)* 67...Ke2 68.Rg1+-]

63...Rxb6 64.Kxb6 g2 65.b8Q g1Q 66.Qe5+ Kg6 67.Kc6 White wins the d5 pawn and the game, although it takes over 30 more moves. **67...Qa1 68.Qg3+ Kf5 69.Qf4+ Kg6 70.Kxd5 Qa8+ 71.Kc4 Qa4+ 72.Kc3 Qa1+ 73.Kd2 Qb2+ 74.Ke1 Qg2 75.Qf1 Qc2 76.Qf3 Kg7 77.Kf1 Qc1+ 78.Kg2 Qc2+ 79.Kg3 Qc7+ 80.Kh3 Qc3 81.d5 Qd3 82.Kg3 Kg6 83.Qg4+ Kh7 84.Qd7+ Kh8 85.Qe8+ Kg7 86.Qe7+ Kh8 87.Qe5+ Kh7 88.d6 Qg6+ 89.Kh4 Qb1 90.Qe7+ Kg6 91.Qe6+ Kh7 92.d7 Qe1+ 93.Kg5 Qg3+ 94.Kf6 Qh4+ 95.Kf7 Qh5+ 96.Kf8 Qa5 97.Qe7+ Kg6 98.d8Q Qf5+ 99.Kg8 Qd5+ 100.Qxd5**

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121 **B06**

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[Krasenkow,Michal]

1.d4 d6 2.e4 g6 3.c3 Nd7 4.Bb5 a6 5.Ba4 b5 6.Bc2 Bg7 7.Ne2 e5 8.0-0 Ngf6 9.a4 bxa4 About this line - see CBM 182, annotations to Ding Liren - Aronian by GM Alex Yermolinsky. **10.Nd2!?N** A new idea **10...0-0** Black decides to reply in the same manner as after 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3; however, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave plays differently. **11.Bxa4 Bb7 12.Bc2! Re8 13.f3**

[13.d5]

13...Nb6 14.Nb3 Nh5 15.Na5 Qc8 This position could have happened in Ding-Aronian, too - see above. **16.g4 Nf6?!** Too humble. **17.Be3 d5 18.dxe5±** White's double pawns is an insufficient compensation for Black's material deficit although it requires a lot of work from White to convert his extra pawn. **18...Rxe5 19.Bd4 Re8 20.Bxb6**

[20.Ng3]

20...cxb6 21.Nxb7! Qxb7 22.g5 Nh5 An attempt to keep the position closed but almost all Black's pawns are now on light squares, which is a good news for White's light-squared bishop. **23.exd5**

[23.Bb3 dxe4 24.fxe4]

23...Rad8

[23...Qe7! 24.Be4 Qxg5+ 25.Kh1 Nf6]

24.Bb3!?

[24.Be4]

24...Qe7 25.Rf2?! Qxg5+?! 26.Kf1! White must create weaknesses in Black's camp. **26...a5 27.Ra4 Bf8 28.Rg4 Qe7 29.Re4 Qd7 30.Ng3**

[30.Nd4]
30...Qh3+?! 31.Ke2
[31.Rg2 Rxe4 32.fxe4 *(32.Nxe4 Nf4 33.Ke1 Qxg2)*]
31...Nxg3+ 32.hxg3 Qxg3? This move, weakening the c6 square, worsens Black's position. **33.Qh1**
[33.Qd3]
33...Bc5 34.Rh2 Rxe4+ Black decides to wait but it doesn't help anymore.
35.fxe4 Qe3+ 36.Kd1 Probably premature. **36...Qd3+ 37.Ke1 Qb1+**
[37...Bd6 38.Rh3 Bg3+ 39.Rxg3 Qxg3++- 40.Kd1!? a4!?]
38.Bd1 Re8 39.Re2 Qd3?! Another passive move.
[39...Bd6 40.Qf3 was much simpler. b5]
40.Bc2 Qg3+ 41.Kd1 h5 42.Qe1 Qg4 43.Bd3 h4 44.Kc2 g5
[44...Bd6]
45.e5 Qa4+ 46.Kb1 b5 Too late.
[46...Qf4]
47.Re4 b4 48.Qe2 Qd7 49.Bb5 Qe7
[49...Qd8 50.Qh5 bxc3 51.Bxe8 Qxd5
A) 52.Qxg5+ Kf8 53.Bc6 *(53.Qxh4+- Qd3+ 54.Ka2 Qd2 55.Qh8+ Ke7 56.Qf6+ Kxe8 57.Qc6+ Kd8)*
A1) 53...Qxc6 54.Rxh4 *(54.Qxh4 Qb6 55.Qh8+ Ke7+-* or *56.Qf6+ Qxf6 57.exf6+!* (the key move, cutting off Black's king) *Kxf6)* 54...Ke8 55.bxc3;
A2) 53...Qd1+ 54.Ka2 c2;
B) 52.Bxf7+ Qxf7 53.Qxg5+ Qg7]
50.Bxe8
[50.d6 Qe6 51.Bxe8 Qxe8 52.Qg4]
50...Qxe8 51.Qh5 Qe7 52.e6
[52.cxb4 Bxb4 53.Re2]
52...f6
[52...Qf6 53.exf7+ Kg7]
53.Qg6+ Kf8
[53...Kh8]
54.Qh6+
[54.Rc4 Qg7 55.Qh5]
54...Ke8 55.Qh8+
[55.cxb4 axb4 56.Rc4]
55...Qf8 56.Qh7 Qe7 57.Qg6+
[57.Qg8+ Qf8 58.Qg6+ Kd8 59.cxb4 axb4 *(59...Bxb4 60.Rc4 Qd6 61.Qxf6+ Qe7 62.Qd4)* 60.Rc4]
57...Kd8
[57...Kf8 58.Rc4 Qg7]
58.Qg8+ Qf8 59.e7+ Bxe7 60.Qe6 f5
[60...Bd6 61.Rc4 Bc5]
61.Rc4 Bc5 62.Qc6 Bd6
[62...Qd6 63.Rxc5 Qxc6
A) 64.Rxc6 bxc3 65.Rf6 *(65.Rxc3 g4)* 65...f4;
B) 64.dxc6 White wins the d5 pawn and the game, although it takes over 30 more moves. 64...h3
B1) 65.Rxa5 g4 66.Ra8+ *(66.cxb4 h2 67.Ra8+ Kc7)* 66...Kc7;
B2) 65.Rxf5 g4]
63.Qc8+ Under time pressure White fails to calculate **63...Ke7 64.Qe6+ Kd8 65.Rc8#**
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122 **E74**
□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2656**
■ **Chigaev,Maksim** **2548**
Wch Rapid Almaty (11) 28.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

E74: King's Indian: Averbakh Variation: 6...c5 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 c5** 6...c5 scores better than 6...Na6.6...c5 punktet besser als 6...Sa6. **7.d5 Qb6N**

[7...e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.cxd5 Re8 10.f3 Na6 11.g4 Nc7 12.h4 b5 13.h5 b4 14.Nd1 Qe7 15.Nf2 a5 16.Kf1 Bd7 17.Kg2 Nb5 18.Re1 a4 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Bc4 Qf7 21.Bf4 h5 22.Ngh3 1-0 Fedorowicz,J (2535)-Damljanovic,B (2470) (open) 43/93 New York 1987]

[7...h6 8.Be3 e6 9.Qd2 exd5 10.cxd5 Re8 11.f3 h5 *(11...Nh7 12.Bb5 Nd7 13.Nh3 a6 14.Be2 b5 15.0-0 h5 16.Nf2 b4 17.Na4 a5 18.Rac1 Nb6 19.Nxb6 Qxb6 20.Kh1 a4 21.Bh6 Bd4* Luminet,D (2520)-Winter (2637) JUG-chT Tivat 1995*)* 12.a4 a6 13.a5 Nh7 14.Bd1 Nd7 15.Nge2 Ne5 16.b3 Qh4+ 17.Bf2 Qf6 18.Qe3 h4 19.h3 g5 20.0-0 Bd7 21.Kh1 Nf8 22.Bg1 ½-½ Sukhareva,O (2585)-10. ♔b1 b5 11.c5_13795_15163 (2775) blindfold [4] Birmingham 1858]

8.Qc1N

[Vorgänger: 8.Qd2 e6 9.Nf3 exd5 10.exd5 -0.15/20 *(10.Bxf6± 0.49/20 Bxf6 11.Nxd5)* 10...Bf5!= 11.Nh4 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.f3 h6 14.Bxh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Qxb2 16.0-0 Bc2 17.Rae1 -0.40/21 *(17.Qd2=* -0.01/22 *)* 17...Nd7∓ 18.f4 Qf6 0.39/21 0-1 (57) Fier,A (2572)-Chigaev,M (2641) Chess.com INT 2022 *(18...Rae8∓* -0.40/22 *)*]

8...e6 9.Nf3 exd5 White is slightly better. **10.exd5 Bf5 11.Nh4 Bg4 12.f3 Bd7 13.0-0 Re8 14.Bd3** 0.33/19

[14.Qd2± 0.72/19]

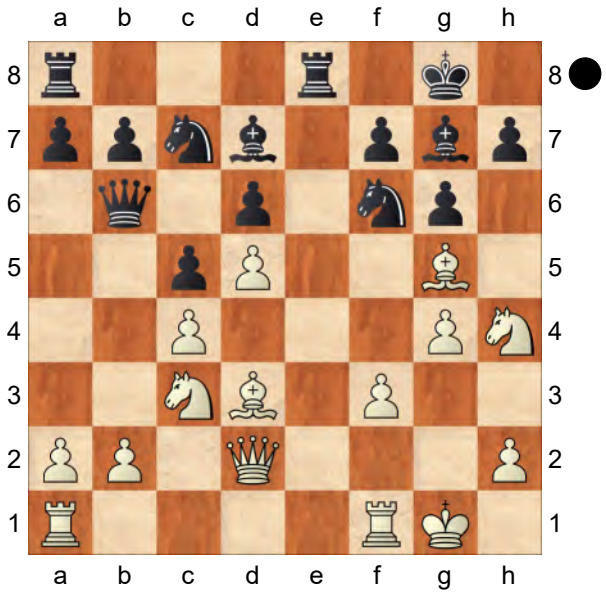
14...Na6± 15.Qd2 Nc7 1.06/18

[15...Nb4± 0.49/19]

16.g4? -2.03/20

[16.Kh1± 1.06/18]

(Diagram)



16...Ncxd5! -0.12/19 **17.cxd5=**

[17.Nxg6? hxg6 18.cxd5 c4+ 19.Kh1 cxd3-+]

[17.Ng2 Nc7]

17...c4+ Discovered Attack (Check)

18.Kh1! cxd3 19.Qxd3 -1.44/21

[19.Qf4!= -0.13/20 was the only way to keep the balance. Qd8 *(19...Qxb2? 20.Bxf6 Rac8 21.Rab1+-)* 20.Ne4 Nxd5 Discovered Attack 21.Qxd6]

19...Qxb2∓ 20.Rab1 Qa3 21.Rxb7 -1.91/21

[21.Rb3∓ -1.41/20 keeps fighting. Qa6 22.Qxa6 bxa6 23.Ng2]

21...Rac8 -0.96/21

[21...Rab8-+ -1.91/21 22.Bc1 Qa5 23.Rxb8 Rxb8]

22.Rb3 Qa5 ...Nf6xg4! is the strong threat. **23.Bd2 Qc5 24.Ng2 h5** -0.32/22

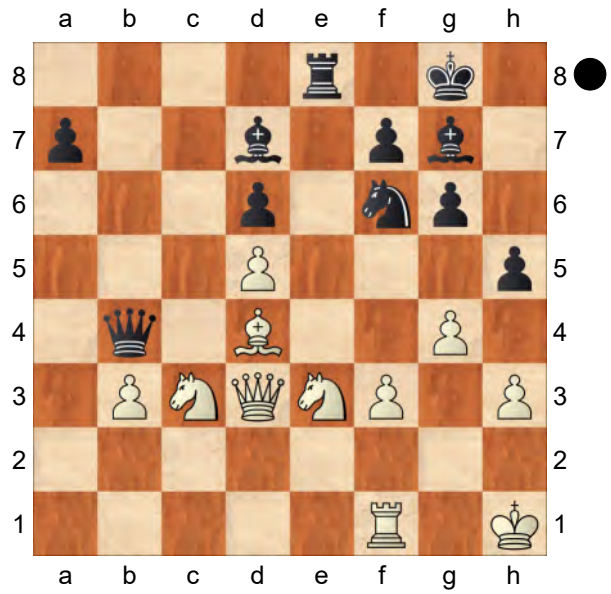
[Better is 24...a5∓ -0.83/20]

25.h3 -1.19/20

[25.Bg5∓ -0.32/22 hxg4 26.Bxf6 Remove Defender Bxf6 27.Ne4 Rxe4 *(27...Qd4 28.Nxd6 Qxd3 29.Rxd3=)* 28.fxe4]

25...Rb8 -0.71/21

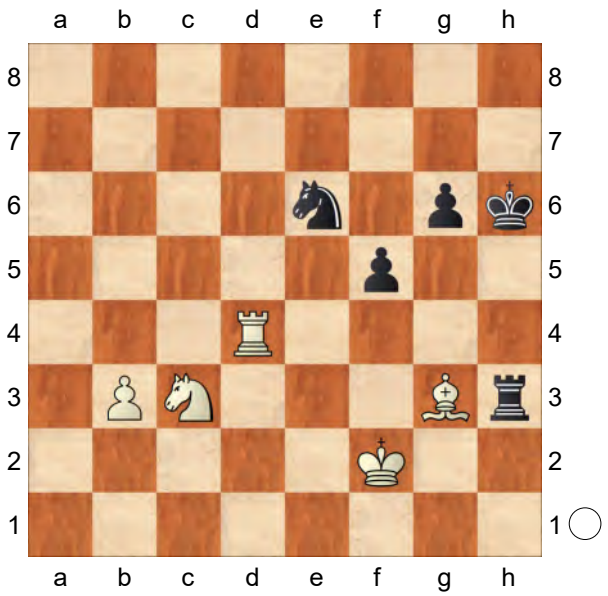
[⌓25...hxg4 -1.19/20 26.fxg4 a5]
26.Be3 Qa5 ...Rb8xb3 would now be deadly. **27.Bd4** -1.05/21
[White should play 27.Rfb1!∓ -0.36/22 Rxb3 28.Rxb3]
27...Rxb3!
[27...Nxd5? 28.Rxb8 Nxc3 29.Rxe8+ Bxe8 30.Bxg7+-]
28.axb3 Qb4 -1.10/21
[28...Nxd5? 29.Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Nxd5+-]
[⌓28...Rb8 -1.49/22 29.Qc2 Qb4 *(29...Nxd5 30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.Ne4∓)* 30.Bxf6 Remove Defender Bxf6]
29.Ne3 -1.51/22
[⌓29.Na2 -1.10/21 Qb5 30.Qxb5 Bxb5 31.Re1]



29...Nxg4? 0.01/24 **30.Nc2= Ne5!**
[30...Qxb3 31.hxg4 Rc8 *(31...hxg4? 32.Bxg7 Bf5 33.Qd4+-)* 32.Rb1+-]
[30...Bf5 31.Ne4 Qb7 *(31...Bxe4? 32.fxe4 Qb7 33.Bxg7+-)* 32.hxg4 Bxe4 33.fxe4±]
31.Nxb4 -1.01/21
[31.Bxe5= -0.01/26 Qh4 32.Bxg7]
31...Nxd3∓ 32.Bxg7 Nxb4 33.Bf6 Bxh3 34.Ra1 Nc2 -0.09/23
[34...Re3 35.Rxa7 g5 *(35...Rxf3 36.Ra8+)* 36.Ne4 Nxd5 *(36...Rxb3? 37.Nxg5 Rb1+ 38.Kh2+-)* 37.Bd4=]
[Black should try 34...a6∓ -1.38/22 Threatens to win with ...Re8-e3. 35.Ra4 Rb8]
35.Rxa7= Ne1 36.Kh2 Bf5
[36...Nxf3+? 37.Kxh3 g5 38.Kg3+-]
37.Kg3 h4+ Deflection **38.Bxh4 Kg7** 1.41/23 Against Bh4-f6+
[38...Re3= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. 39.Kf2 Rxc3 *(39...Rxf3+ 40.Kxe1 g5 41.Bxg5=)* 40.Kxe1 Kg7 *(40...Rxf3 41.Bf6=; 40...Rxb3 41.Kf2=)*]
39.Be7± Rh8 40.Bxd6 aiming for Bd6-e5+.
[Much less strong is 40.Kf2 Nd3+ *(40...Nxf3 41.Bxd6 Rh3 42.Bg3+-)* 41.Ke3 Rb8±]
40...Rh3+ 41.Kf2 White is more active.
41...Nxf3 2.02/21
[41...Nd3+± 1.06/22 was called for. 42.Ke2 g5]
42.Bg3+- Ng5 2.38/22
[⌓42...Nd2 1.69/21]
43.d6 Strongly threatening d6-d7.
43...Kh6? 4.10/22
[43...Kf6 1.82/21 might work better. 44.Nd5+ Kg7 45.Be5+ Kh6]
44.d7 Bxd7 45.Rxd7 f5 46.Rd4 Ne6

(Diagram)

47.Rd6 f4 48.Rxe6 Rxg3 Endgame. KRN-KR **49.Rc6 Kh5 50.b4 g5 51.b5 g4?** 5.47/25
[51...Rh3 3.21/23 was worth a try. 52.Kg1 Rg3+ 53.Kf2 Kg4]
52.b6 White is clearly winning. **52...Rf3+ 53.Ke2** Intending b6-b7 and mate. **53...Re3+ 54.Kd2 Re8 55.b7** Threatening mate with Rc6-c8. **55...Rb8**

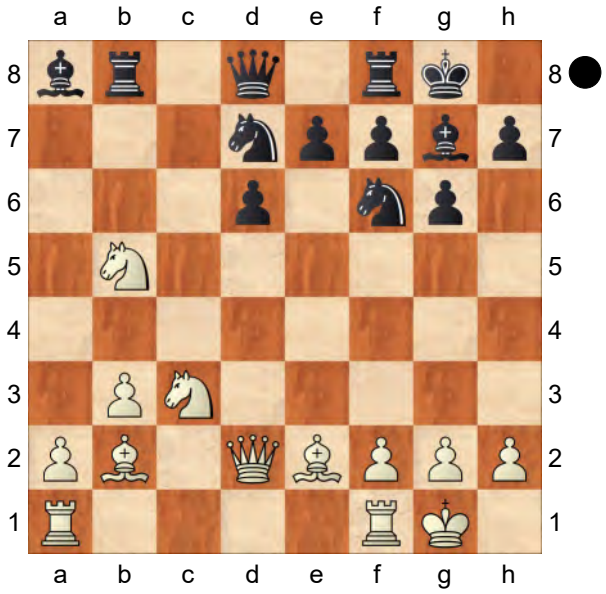


56.Rc7 g3 57.Ke2 Kg4 58.Rg7+ Never resign too early! Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.38 **1-0**

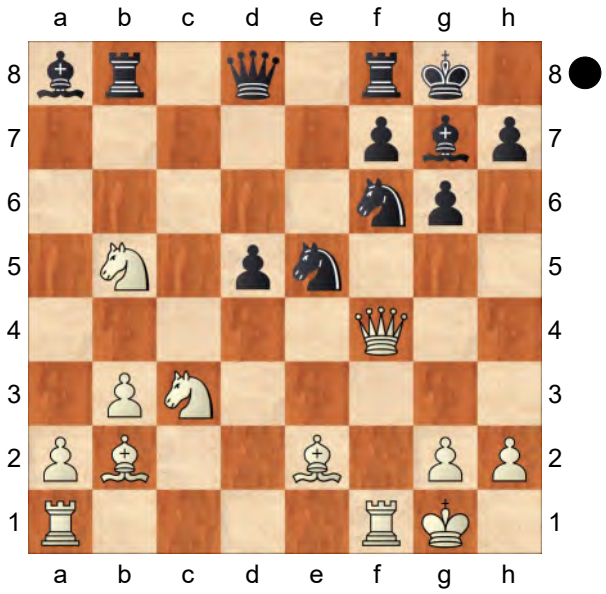
123 **B51**
□ **Baidetsky,Valentin** **2471**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2707**
Bundesliga 2324 (7.4) 03.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.0-0 a6 5.Be2 Ngf6 6.d3 g6 7.c4 7.c4 is better than 7.a4. 7.c4 ist besser als 7.a4. **7...b5!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **8.b3** -0.37/17
[8.cxb5± 0.38/18 axb5 9.d4]
8...Bg7∓ Hoping for ...Nf6xe4! **9.Bb2 0-0 10.Qc2N**
[Vorgänger: 10.Nc3 b4 11.Na4 -0.78/18 *(11.Nd5∓* -0.40/20 feels stronger.*)* 11...Bb7 -0.42/17 *(11...e5∓* -0.78/18 *)* 12.Qc2 -0.79/17 *(12.e5∓* -0.42/17 *Nh5 13.e6 Bxb2 14.Nxb2 fxe6 15.Ng5)* 12...e5∓ 13.Nd2 Bc6 14.f4 -1.34/20 *(⌓14.g3* -0.89/17 *)* 14...Bxa4 15.bxa4 exf4 16.Rxf4 0-1 Przybylski,W (2321)-Silva Lucena,C (2290) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Sep Late Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (8)]
10...Rb8 11.cxb5 axb5 12.d4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Black must now prevent Nd4-c6! **13...Bb7 14.Nxb5 Bxe4 15.Qd2** -0.56/20
[15.Qd1= -0.19/20

is more appropriate.]
15...Ba8∓ 16.N1c3 -0.78/20
[16.Qd1∓ -0.42/18 is superior.]

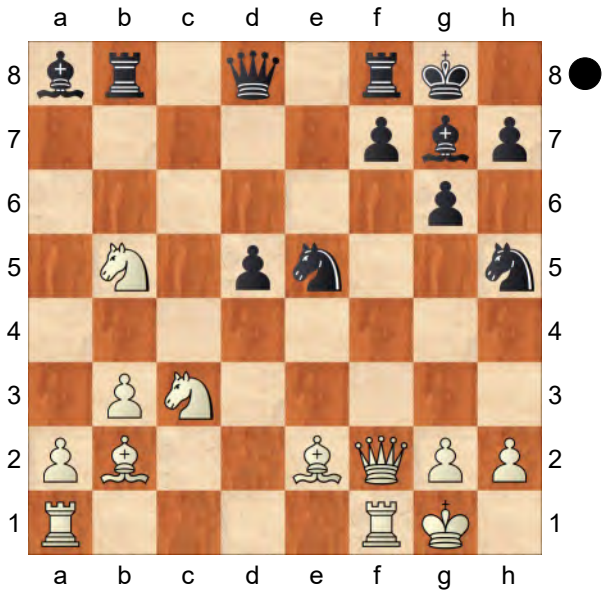


16...d5!∓ 17.f4 e5 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Qf4? -2.15/22
[19.Rad1∓ -0.55/18]

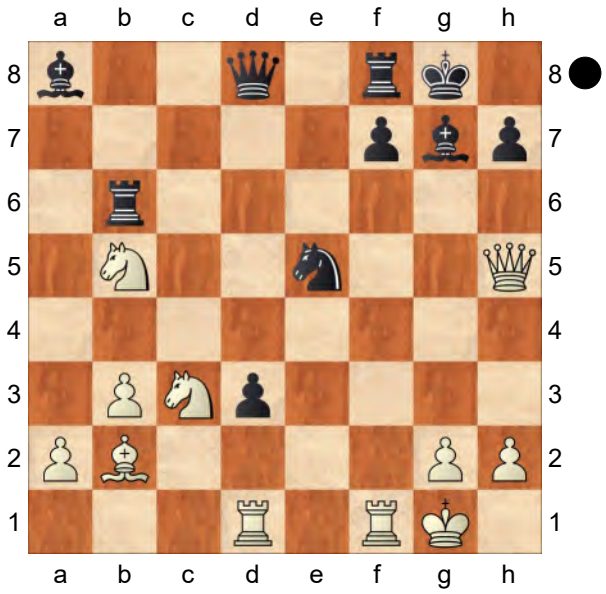


Prevents Nf6-g4. Loses the game.
19...Nh5!-+ 20.Qf2

(Diagram)



d4! 21.Rad1 d3 22.Bxh5 gxh5 23.Qf5 Rb6 24.Qxh5? -7.23/19
[24.Ne4 -3.37/17 Rxb5 25.a4 Qb6+ *(25...Rxb3? 26.Bxe5 Qb6+ 27.Kh1-+)* 26.Kh1]

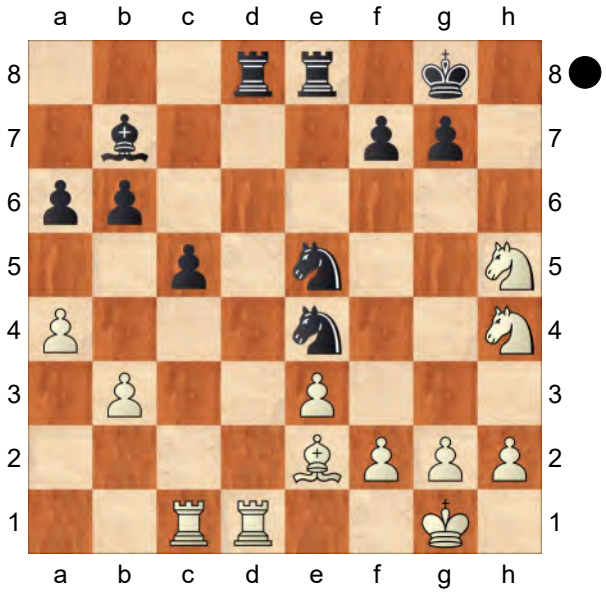


24...Bxg2! Decoy **25.Kxg2 Rg6+ 26.Kf2 Qb6+ 27.Ke1 Qe3+ 28.Ne2 Rg2** Pin
[Inferior is 28...Qxe2+ 29.Qxe2 dxe2 30.Kxe2=]
29.Nbd4 dxe2 30.Nxe2 Ng4 Discovered Attack **31.Rd2 Bxb2**

-9.82/19 Weighted Error Value: White=0.73/Black=0.39
[⌓31...Rxe2+ -#7/16 32.Rxe2 Bc3+ 33.Kd1 Rd8+ 34.Qd5 Rxd5+ 35.Kc2 Rd2+ *(35...Qxe2+? leads to mate. 36.Kxc3 Qd2+ 37.Kc4 Ne3#)* 36.Kc1 Bxb2+ 37.Kb1 Qd3#]
0-1

124 **E14**
□ **Halvax,Georg** **2458**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**
AUT-chT 2324 (1.2) 22.11.2023
[Kitty Kat]

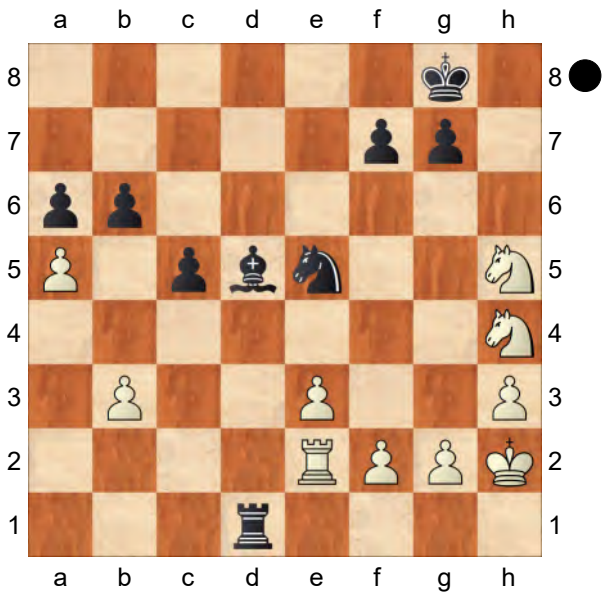
E14: Queen's Indian: Classical Variation (4 e3) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.e3 b6 5.Bd3 Bd6 6.0-0 0-0 7.b3 Bb7 8.Bb2N** 8.cxd5 gains popularity. 8.cxd5 wird beliebter.
[8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 Qe7 10.Nb5 c5 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Rc1 a6 13.Nc3 Nbd7 14.Re1 Rac8 15.Qe2 b5 16.dxc5 Nxc5 17.Bf5 ½-½ Berkes,F (2645)-Motylev,A (2628) Budapest Kallai Memorial Rapid 2022 (5)]
8...Nbd7 9.Nc3 Re8 10.Rc1 dxc4 11.Bxc4 a6 The position is equal. **12.a4 h6N**
[Vorgänger: 12...Qe7 13.Re1 Bb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.Red1 cxd4 16.Rxd4 Red8 17.Rcd1 h6 18.h3 Bc5 ½-½ Pranitchi,T (2189)-Ruokokoski,H (2214) GER CCM-E01-D email GER email 2017]
13.d5 Nf8 14.dxe6 Nxe6 15.Ne2 Ng4 0.95/20
[15...Ng5= 0.23/17 remains equal. 16.Nxg5 hxg5]
16.Ng3± Ng5 17.Nh4! h5 18.Qd4 0.49/19
[18.Nxh5? Nh3+ *(18...Nxh2 19.Nf6+ gxf6 20.Qh5+-; 18...Bxh2+ 19.Kh1∓)* 19.Kh1 Nhxf2+ *(19...Qxh4? 20.Nf6+ gxf6 21.Qxg4+ Qxg4 22.f3-+)* 20.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 21.Kg1 Nxd1-+]
[White should try 18.Nhf5± 1.43/18 Be5 19.Qe2 *(19.Nxh5? Nh3+ 20.Kh1 Nhxf2+ 21.Rxf2 Nxf2+ 22.Kg1 Nxd1-+)*]
18...Be5± 19.Qxd8 Raxd8 20.Bxe5 Nxe5 21.Nxh5 -0.42/19
[21.Be2± 0.41/18 Ne6 22.Nxh5]
21...Ne4 0.35/20
[21...Nxc4∓ -0.42/19 22.Rxc4 Re4]
22.Be2 c5 23.Rfd1 -1.22/21
[23.Nf5= 0.23/20 g6 24.f3]



23...Rxd1+!∓ 24.Rxd1 -2.19/21
[24.Bxd1∓ -1.60/22 Nd3 25.Rc2]
24...Nc3!-+ 25.Rd2 Nxe2+ 26.Rxe2 Rd8 Prevents Re2-d2. (→ ...Rd8-d1+)
27.h3 -2.71/21
[27.Re1∓ -1.40/20 was called for.]
27...Rd1+ 28.Kh2 Bd5 29.a5

(Diagram)

b5
[29...Bxb3 30.axb6 a5 31.b7=]



[29...bxa5 30.Ra2∓]

30.Nf5 Bxb3 31.Nhxg7 c4 32.Ne8 c3 33.Nf6+ Kf8 34.Nd4 Bc4 Black is clearly winning. **35.Rc2 b4** Threatens to win with ...Bc4-d3. **36.f4 Bd3 37.Rf2 Nc4 38.Nd5 Rb1**

[38...Nxa5 39.Nxb4 Bb1 40.g4∓ *(40.Nxa6 Nc4∓)*]

39.Nc2 Bxc2

[39...Nxa5 40.Ncxb4 Be4 41.Ra2=]

40.Rxc2 Na3 41.Nxc3 Rb3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.60/Black=0.29 (precise)

[Inferior is 41...Nxc2 42.Nxb1 Na1 43.Nd2=]

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125 **E11**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2732**

■ **Koelle,Tobias** **2453**

AUT-chT 2324 (3.2) 24.11.2023

[Kitty Kat]

E11: Bogo-Indian **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5N**

[5...Bd6 6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7

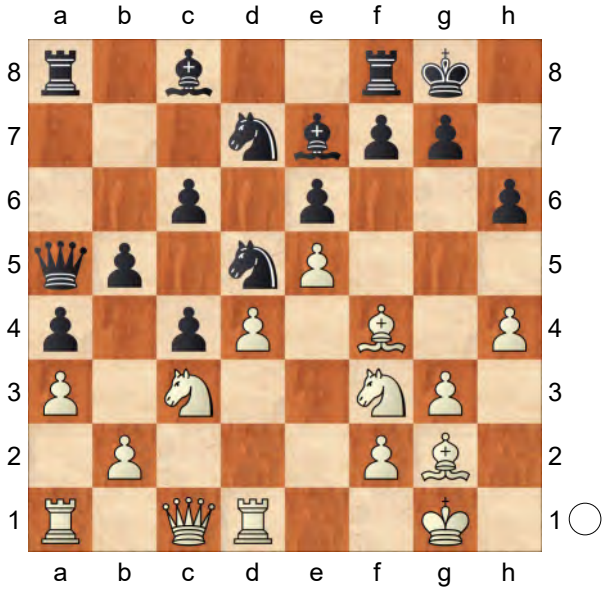
A) 9.b3 Ne4 10.Nc3 *(10.Bc1 f5 11.Ba3 Bxa3 12.Nxa3 g5 13.Qb2 g4 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 h5 16.Nc2 f4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Qd4 Qxd4 19.Nxd4 f3 20.e3 Kf7 21.h4 Bd7 22.c5 b6 23.b4 bxc5 24.bxc5 Rfb8* 0-1 Malka,S (2236)-Alahakoon,I (1925) Titled Tuesday intern op 31st Jan Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (2)*)* 10...Nxd2 11.Nxd2 f5 12.Rab1 Qe7 13.e3 b6 14.cxd5 Ba6 15.dxc6 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 Nf6 17.Nb5 Bc7 18.Nc4 a6 19.Nxc7 Qxc7 20.Ne5 Rfd8 21.Rc1 1-0 Kusa,J (2373)-Wecker,M (2144) Reykjavik op 2023 (5)

B) 9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 Nxd2 *(10...f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4 Kh8 20.f3 Nf6 21.a4 Bxb4 22.Nxb4 Qxb4 23.Rab1 Qe7 24.a5 Rc8 25.cxd5* 1-0 Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zuerich Champions rap Zürich rapid 2009 (6) *)* 11.Nxd2 f5 12.e3 Nf6 13.c5 Bc7 14.b4 e5 15.dxe5 Bxe5 16.Nf3 Bc7 17.Nd4 Qe7 18.Nce2 Ne4 19.Rac1 g5 20.Re1 ½-½ Santos Usua,M (1898)-Odriozola Coscolin,A (2046) ESP-ch U18 Salobrena 2023 (6)]

6.Bg2 0-0 7.Qc1 Be7 8.0-0 c6 9.Rd1 The position is equal. **9...Nbd7 10.Bf4 a4 11.a3 h6 12.Nc3!?N** An interesting novelty. Eine interessante Neuerung.

[Vorgänger: 12.Qc2 Qa5 13.Nbd2 Nh5 14.Be3 Bd6 15.Rac1 f5 16.Nf1 Nhf6 17.cxd5 0.02/20 *(17.Bd2± 0.38/16* is superior. *Qd8 18.Bf4)* 17...cxd5= 18.Bf4 Bxf4 19.gxf4 1-0 Suleymenov,A (2499)-Sargsyan,S (2654) Astana Zhuldyzdary op-A 2023

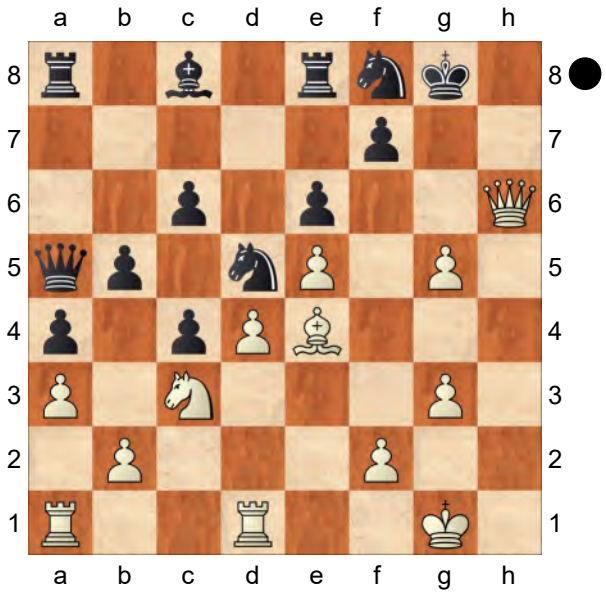
(6)]
12...Qa5 13.h4 dxc4 14.e4 -0.49/18
[14.Nd2= -0.11/17]
14...b5 0.18/17
[14...Qh5∓ -0.49/18]
15.e5= Nd5 1.27/19
[15...Nh7= 0.24/18]



16.Bxh6!± Demolition **16...gxh6**
[16...Qd8 17.Bf4]
17.Qxh6 Re8 2.23/21
[17...Qd8± 1.42/18 was called for.]
18.Ng5+- Nf8 Prevents Qh6-h7+
19.Be4 White wants to mate with Be4-h7+. **19...Bxg5 20.hxg5**
[Worse is 20.Qxg5+ Kh8=]

(Diagram)

Black must now prevent Kg1-g2.
20...Ne7 21.g4→ Repels Ne7-f5. Hoping for Be4-g2. White has strong attack. **21...Nfg6?** 6.72/21
[21...Ra6 1.85/17 22.Bxc6 Qxc3 *(22...Nxc6? is the wrong capture. 23.Ne4+-)*]
22.Bxg6 fxg6 23.Ne4 Ne4-f6+ would

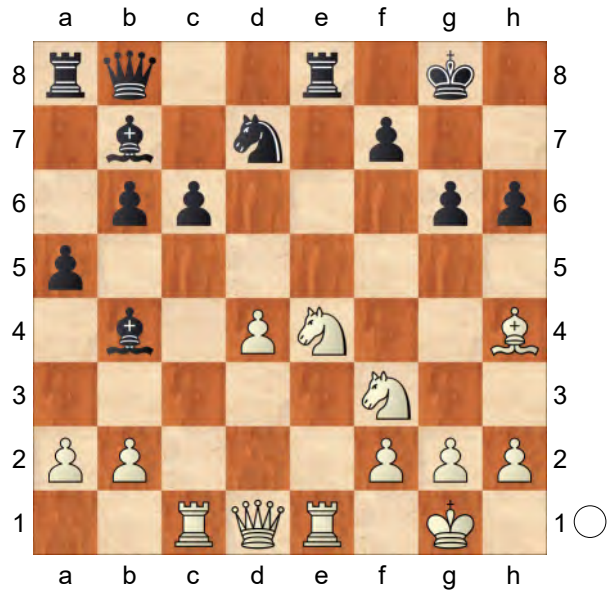


kill now. **23...Rd8 24.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) / Black=0.80
1-0

126 **D51**
□ **Ma,Zhonghan** **2484**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2720**
SCO National Chess Online rapid (2)
[Kitty Kat]

D51: Queen's Gambit Declined: 4 Bg5 Nbd7 sidelines **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Bb4 7.e3 c6N** 7...g5 is the modern continuation. 7...g5 ist die moderne Fortsetzung.
[7...c5 8.Qc2 Qa5 9.Nd2 cxd4 10.exd4 0-0 11.Be2 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Qd5 13.0-0-0 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Nb6 15.Nd2 Qd8 16.Ne4 Nbd5 17.c4 Qc7 18.Bg3 Qa5 19.cxd5 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 exd5 21.Qc2 Bf5 22.Qxf5 ½-½ Rabinovich,I-Sergeev,A URS-ch04 Leningrad 1925 (16)]
8.Nd2 a5!? Exploring less charted territory. Erkundet wenig bekanntes

Terrain. **9.Be2N** White is slightly better.
[Predecessor: 9.Qc2 0-0 10.Bd3 Re8 11.a3 Be7 12.0-0 e5 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Nf3 exd4 16.exd4 -0.01/18 0-1 (47) Teodorescu, R-Stanciu,T Eforie Nord 2001 *(16.Nxd4± 0.54/19 Nf6 17.h3)*]
9...0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Bd3 Re8 14.Re1 Qb8 15.Bf5 Bd6 16.Nf3 g6 17.Bxd7 Nxd7 18.e4 dxe4 19.Nxe4 Bb4? 2.30/20
[19...c5± 0.33/18 20.dxc5 Bxc5]



20.Re3 0.82/19
[20.Ne5!+- 2.30/20 is more deadly. Nxe5 21.Nf6+ *(21.dxe5 Bxe1 22.Nf6+ Kh8±)* 21...Kh8 22.Re3 Pin *(22.Rxe5 Rxe5 23.dxe5 Qxe5=; 22.dxe5 Bxe1 23.Nxe8 Bxf2+ 24.Bxf2 Qxe8=)*]
20...Qf4± 21.Bg3
[21.Ne5 keeps more tension. Nxe5 22.Nf6+ Kh8 23.g3]
21...Qf5 22.Ne5 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Be7 Inhibits Ne4-f6+. **24.Nd6 Bxd6 25.Qxd6 Rac8** 1.02/18 Black is weak on the dark squares
[25...c5± 0.66/16 is superior.]
26.Rd1 0.63/19
[26.h3± 1.02/18]
26...Qe6 27.Rb3 b5 28.h4 a4 29.Qxe6 0.47/19
[29.Rb4± 0.83/20]
29...Rxe6± 30.Rb4 Ba6 31.Rbd4 c5 32.Rd8+ Kg7 33.Rxc8 Bxc8= Endgame. KRB-KRB **34.Bf4 b4 35.Rc1 Rc6 36.a3 bxa3 37.bxa3 c4 38.Bd2 Be6 39.Bb4 g5 40.hxg5 hxg5 41.f3 g4 42.Kf2 Kg6 43.fxg4 Bxg4 44.Ke3 Rc8 45.Kd4 Be6 46.Rc3 Kf5 47.Rf3+ Kg4 48.Rc3 Rd8+ 49.Kc5 Kf4 50.Kb5 Kxe5 51.Kxa4 Kd4 52.Rc1 Rb8 53.Rd1+ Ke3 54.Rc1 Bd5** -0.18/17
[Black should try 54...Rc8∓ -0.72/20]
55.Rc2 -0.68/21
[55.Re1+= -0.18/17 Kf2 56.Re5 Bc6+ 57.Ka5]
55...f5∓ 56.g3 Rc8 57.Kb5 -1.09/24
[White should play 57.Rd2!∓ -0.58/21 Be4 58.Bc3]
57...Be4∓ 58.Rc1
[58.Rxc4? is the wrong capture. Bd3 59.Bc5+ Kf3-+]
58...Bd3 aiming for ...c4-c3+. **59.Kb6 Rg8 60.Be1 Ra8 61.Bb4 Rg8** 0.01/17
[61...Ke4∓ -0.58/18]
62.Be1!= Ke2 And now ...f5-f4! would win. **63.a4**

(Diagram)

f4! 64.gxf4 Rg1 65.a5? -8.37/23 **Rxe1-+ 66.Rxe1+ Kxe1** Black mates. **67.a6 c3 68.a7 Be4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.12 (very precise)
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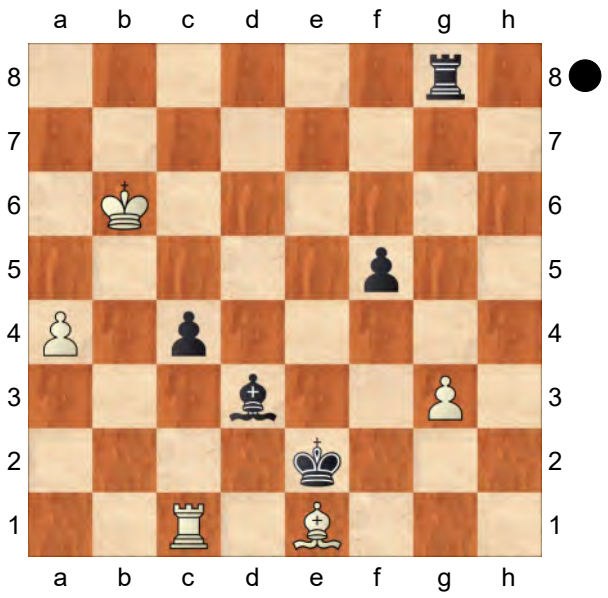


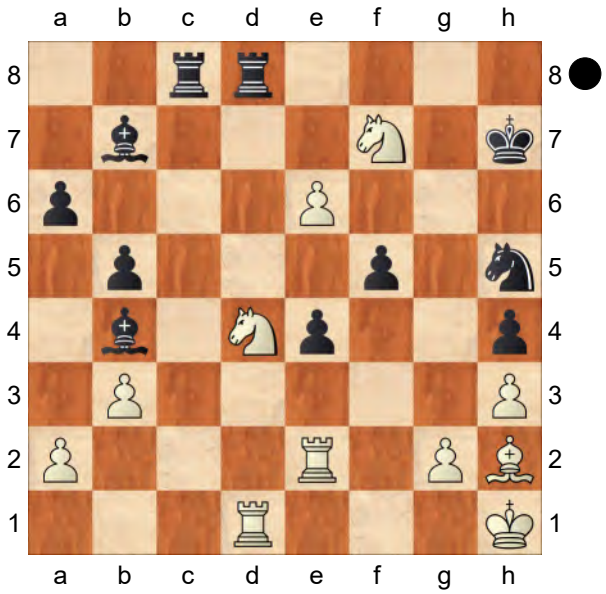
127 **B51**
□ **Yuan,Qingyu** **2380**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2716**
Aimchess Play In op rapid (1) 12.06.23
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.c3 Ngf6 5.Qe2 a6 6.Ba4 Qc7 7.0-0 e6!? Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade. **8.d4 b5 9.Bc2** White is slightly better. **9...Be7 10.Bd3 Bb7 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Re1 Rfe8 13.Nf1 e5 14.Ng3** -0.43/19
[14.d5= 0.13/18]
14...exd4∓
[Predecessor: 14...Bf8 0.16/19 14...c5xd4 -0.38 15.d5 c4 16.Bc2 Nc5 0.70/19 *(16...a5=* 0.05/17 *)* 17.h3 g6 18.Bg5 Bg7 19.Qd2 0.10/20 *(19.b4±* 0.87/18 *cxb3 20.axb3)* 19...a5= 20.Nh4 Bc8 1-0 Hansen,E (2606)-Potapova,M (2277) Titled Arena Apr 3rd Lichess.org INT blitz 2021]
15.cxd4 Bf8 16.Bf4 -0.49/17
[16.Qc2= -0.07/17]
16...g6 -0.06/18
[16...Qb6∓ -0.49/17]
17.Qd2 cxd4! 18.Nxd4 Qb6 -0.70/18
[⌓18...Nc5 -0.34/20]
19.Bc2 Rac8 20.Rad1 -0.98/19
[20.h3∓ -0.41/16]
20...Ne5 -0.08/19
[20...d5∓ -0.98/19 21.e5 Ng4]
21.b3
[21.Bh6 keeps more tension. Be7

22.Bb3 Nfg4 23.Bf4]
21...Qc5 0.24/19
[Black should play 21...h5∓ -0.33/18]
22.h3 Qc3 23.Qxc3 Rxc3 24.Bb1 h5 25.f3 Rcc8 26.Bg5 Ned7 27.Bf4 h4 28.Nf1 -0.65/20
[28.Nge2= -0.29/21]
28...d5! 29.e5 Nh5 30.Bh2 Bc5 31.f4 -1.28/18
[31.Kh1∓ -0.67/19]
31...Ng7 0.15/20
[31...Ndf6∓ -1.28/18 Hoping for ...Nf6-e4. 32.Ne3 Ne4]
32.Kh1 -0.50/20
[32.Ne3= 0.15/20]
32...Bb4↑ Black has some pressure. **33.Re2 Nc5** White must now prevent ... Nc5-e4. **34.Ne3 Ne4 35.Bxe4** -1.25/20
[35.Nxd5∓ -0.34/20 Bxd5 36.Bxe4 Bxe4 37.Rxe4]
35...dxe4∓ 36.Ng4 -1.89/20
[36.Rc2∓ -1.20/19]
36...Nh5-+ 37.f5 -2.33/21
[37.Nc2∓ -1.53/18 Red8 38.Rxd8+ Rxd8 39.Kg1 *(39.Nxb4? perishes. Rd1+ 40.Bg1 Ng3+ 41.Kh2 Nxe2-+)*]
37...Red8 38.e6 gxf5 39.Nh6+? -4.19/20
[39.exf7+ -2.44/20 Kh7 *(39...Kxf7 40.Nh6+ Kg6 41.Nhxf5∓)* 40.Ne3]
39...Kh7 40.Nxf7 -7.43/19
[⌓40.Nhxf5 -4.06/19 fxe6 41.Ne3 Ng3+ 42.Bxg3 hxg3 43.Ndc2 Rxd1+ 44.Nxd1]

(Diagram)

40...Rxd4! Deflection. Black is clearly winning. **41.Rxd4**
[41.Rf1 Ng3+]
41...Rc1+ 42.Bg1 Ng3+ 43.Kh2 Rxg1 44.Ng5+ Kg6 Weighted Error Value:



White=0.65/Black=0.16 (very precise)
0-1

128 **D38**
□ **Sai,Han Thiha** **2124**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2720**
SCO National Chess Online rapid (4)
[Kitty Kat]

D38: Queen's Gambit Declined: Ragozin Defence (4 Nf3 Bb4) **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7N**
[4...dxc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Qc2 b5 7.a4 c6 8.Be2 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.Bg5 h6 *(10...Nbd7 11.e5 h6 12.exf6 hxg5 13.fxg7 Rg8 14.Qh7 Nf6 15.Qh6 Qe7 16.Nxg5 0-0-0 17.Bf3 Rxd4 18.axb5 cxb5 19.Bxb7+ Kxb7 20.Rfe1 Ng4 21.Qh7 Nf6 22.Qh6 Ng4 23.Qh3 Qf6 24.Nge4 Qxg7 25.Qf3 ½-½ Stocek,J-Klein,D EU-ch 13th Plovdiv 2012 (2))* 11.Bh4 Be7 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Ne4 0-0 15.Nd6 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rd8 17.Rfd1 Rxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 15. Vienna 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4-Vienna 5. e4 Bb4 6.Qc2]

[4...a6 5.e3 dxc4 6.Bxc4 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 c5 10.Rd1 Qb6 *(10...Qc7 11.h3 Be7 12.a3 0-0 13.Bc2 Rac8 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.e4 Rfd8 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Ncd7 18.Bg3 Qb6 19.e5 Nd5 20.Ne4 b4 21.Nd6 Bxd6 22.exd6 bxa3 23.Rxa3 Bc6 24.Nd4 Nc5 25.Be5* 1-0 Kobeissey,J (2423)-Monteiro,H (2322) 4.e3 f5 5.g4 (7)*)* 11.h3 Be7 12.e4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc5 14.e5 Nfd7 15.Bc2 b4 16.Na4 Qa5 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.Qg4 g6 19.Bh6 ½-½ Bacrot,E (2714)-Istratescu,A (2589) FRA-chT Top 12 Brest 2018 (7)]

[4...Bd6 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 0-0 7.Rc1 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Nbd7 9.Bd3 Be7 10.0-0 b6 11.Qc2 Bb7 12.Ne5 g6 13.Bh6 Re8 14.Rfd1 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.e6 f5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Qxf5 1-0 Capablanca,J-Anon Lessons from Capablanca (2): attacking New York 1916]

5.Bg5 Bb4 6.e3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.0-0 0-0 12.dxc5 Bxc3 13.bxc3 The position is equal. **13...Rfc8!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **14.Qd4 Qe7N**

[Predecessor: 14...Qc6 15.Rab1! Rab8 16.c4 -0.36/22 *(16.a4=* 0.26/20 *)* 16...dxc4 17.Qxc4 Qxc5 18.Qxc5 Rxc5 19.Rfd1 And now Rb1xb7! would win. Kf8 20.Nd4 b6 ½-½ (26) Ruiz,A-Huertas Soris,R (2270) Havana 1990]

15.Rab1 Rab8 16.c4 -0.35/20

[16.c6= 0.11/18 is superior. bxc6 17.Qd3]

16...dxc4 17.Qxc4 Rxc5 18.Qa4 -0.80/20

[18.Qd3∓ -0.43/18]

18...b5∓ 19.Qa3 Nd5 20.Nd4 b4 21.Qa6 Rb6 Prevents Nd4-c6. **22.Qd3 Nc3 23.Rbc1 g6** -0.80/21

[23...Nxa2? 24.Nf5 Qf8 25.Rxc5+-]

[⌓23...Qc7 -1.46/20 24.Rc2 a5]

24.Rc2 -1.43/21

[⌓24.a3 -0.80/21 a5 25.g3]

24...a5 -0.81/22

[Better is 24...Qc7! -1.43/21 25.h4 Rb8]

25.h3 -1.48/20

[⌓25.a3 -0.81/22]

25...Rd6 -0.83/20

[⌓25...Qc7! -1.48/20 26.Re1 a4]

26.Rfc1 Qb7 27.Qf1 Rb6 28.Ne2 Rbc6 Black has more active pieces. **29.Nd4 Rc8 30.Nb3 Rd5** -0.79/22

[⌓30...Rg5 -1.15/23 31.a3 a4 32.axb4 Qxb4 *(32...axb3 33.Rxc3 Rxc3 34.Rxc3=)*]

31.Nd4 a4 32.a3 Rdc5 33.axb4 Qxb4 34.Kh2 a3 35.Qa6 a2 36.Rxa2 Qb8+ 37.g3 Nxa2 38.Rxc5 Rxc5 39.Qxa2 Endgame. KQR-KQN **39...Rc1**

[39...Qb7 simplifies 40.Qe2 Ra5 41.Qf3 Qxf3 42.Nxf3 Kf8]

40.Qd5 Prevents Qb8-b7 **40...Qc8**

[40...Ra1 simplifies 41.h4 Qa8 42.Qxa8+ Rxa8 43.Kg2 Kg7]

41.Kg2 Qa6 42.Kh2 h5 43.Qd8+ Kg7 44.Qd5 Dodges Qa6-b7 **44...Qf1 45.Qg2** Dodges Qf1-g1+ **45...Qd1** ...Rc1-b1 would now be deadly. **46.Nf3 Ra1 47.Nd4?** -2.71/24

[47.Ng5∓ -0.66/24]

47...Ra2-+ 48.g4 Qe1 49.Kg3 h4+ 50.Kf3? -9.73/26

[50.Kxh4 -2.87/27 Rxf2 51.Qg3]

50...Kh7 Threatens to win with ... Qe1-a5. **51.Qh2 Qd1+ 52.Ke4 Qb1+ 53.Kf3 Qb7+ 54.e4 Qb2** -18.13/20

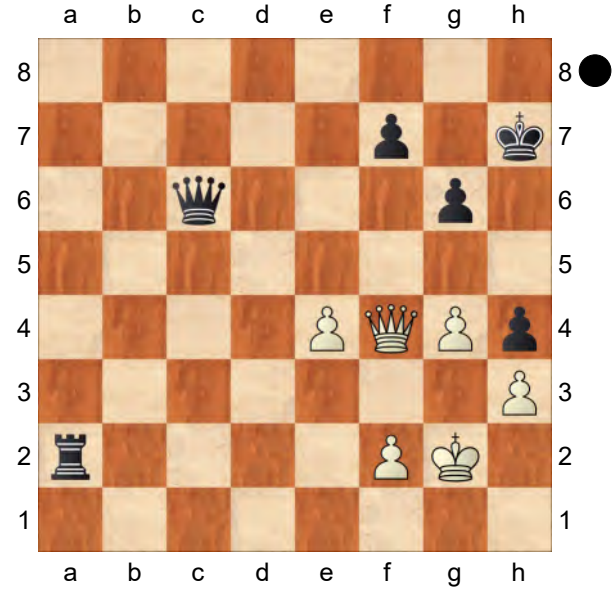
[⌓54...Ra3+ -#8/19 55.Kg2 Qxe4+

56.f3 Qxd4 *(56...Ra2+ 57.Kh1 Rxh2+ 58.Kxh2 Qxd4 59.Kg2 Kh6 60.f4 Qxf4 61.Kg1 Qd2 62.Kf1 Kg5 63.Kg1 Kf4 64.g5 Kf3 65.Kh1 Qg2#)* 57.Qg1 Ra2+ *(57...Qxg1+ 58.Kxg1 Rxf3 59.g5 Rxh3 60.Kf1 Rg3 61.Kf2 Rxg5 62.Kf3 h3 63.Kf4 f6 64.Ke3 h2 65.Kf3 h1Q+ 66.Ke3 Qh4 67.Ke2 Qh3 68.Ke1 Rg2 69.Kf1 Qh1#)* 58.Kh1 Qd2 *(58...Ra1 59.Qxa1 Qxa1+ 60.Kg2 g5 61.Kf2 Qe5 62.Kf1 Qe3 63.Kg2 Qe1 64.f4 gxf4 65.g5 Qe2+ 66.Kg1 Kg6 67.Kh1 f3 68.Kg1 Qg2#)* 59.g5 Qe2 60.Qf2 Qxf2 61.f4 Qh2#]

55.Nc6 Qc3+ 56.Kg2 Qxc6 -7.93/24

[⌓56...Qe3 -#4/12 57.Qg1 Qg3+ *(57...Qxe4+ 58.Kh2 Qf4+ 59.Kh1 Qf3+ 60.Kh2 Rxf2+ 61.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 62.Kh1 Qg3 63.Nd4 Qxh3+ 64.Kg1 Qxg4+ 65.Kf1 Qxd4 66.Ke2 Qc3 67.Kf1 Qe3 68.Kg2 Qe2+ 69.Kh3 Qf2 70.Kg4 Qg3#)* 58.Kf1 Qf3 59.Qh2 Ra1#]

57.Qf4



g5? 0.68/22 **58.Qxf7+±**

[58.Qxg5? Qxe4+ 59.Kh2 Rxf2+ 60.Kg1 Qg2#]

58...Kh6 59.Qf8+

[59.Qxa2 simplifies Qxe4+ 60.Kf1 Qh1+ 61.Ke2]

59...Kg6

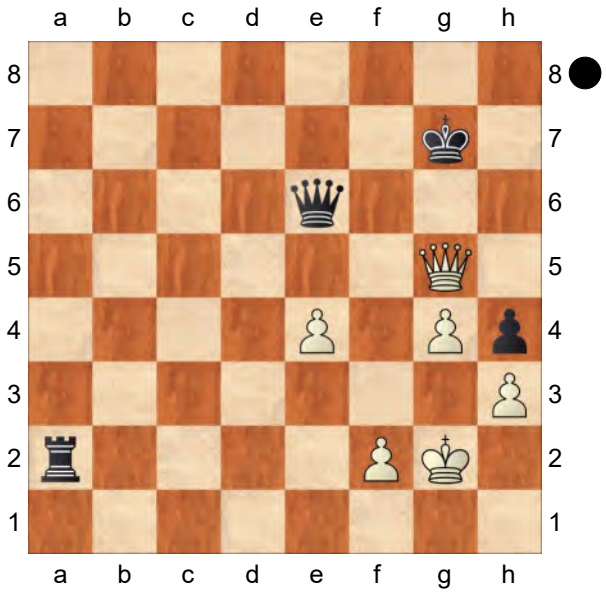
[59...Kh7!? 60.Qf7+□ Kh6 61.Qxa2 Qxe4+ 62.Kg1 Qe1+ 63.Kg2 Qe4+ 64.Kf1 Qh1+ 65.Ke2 Qe4+ 66.Kd2 Qd4+ 67.Ke1 Qc3+ 68.Qd2 Qxh3=]

60.Qf5+ -1.23/27

[60.Qg8+= 0.29/26 Kf6 61.Qh8+ *(61.Qxa2 Qxe4+ 62.Kg1 Qc6=)* 61...Ke7 62.Qg7+ Kd6 63.Qf6+ Kd7 *(63...Kc5 64.Qc3+ Kb6 65.Qb3+ Kc7 66.Qxa2=)* 64.Qf7+ *(64.Qxg5?* leads to mate. *Qxe4+ 65.Kh2 Rxf2+ 66.Kg1 Qg2#)* 64...Kd6 65.Qxa2 Qxe4+ 66.Kf1]

60...Kg7∓ 61.Qxg5+ Kf7 62.Qh5+ Qg6 Strongly threatening ...Qg6xh5.

63.Qd5+ Qe6 White must now prevent ... Qe6xd5. **64.Qh5+ Kg7 65.Qg5+**



Kf8! 66.Qc5+ -2.52/24

[⌓66.Qxh4 -1.71/23 Qxe4+ 67.Kh2]

66...Ke8 67.Qb5+ Kd8 68.Qg5+ Kc7 69.Qc5+ Qc6 70.Qe7+ Kb6 71.Qb4+ -2.04/21

[71.g5∓ -1.48/21]

71...Ka6-+ ...Ra2-a4 is the strong threat.

72.Qd4 -3.33/21
[⌓72.Qe7 -2.09/20]
72...Ra4 73.Qd3+ Kb6 74.Qb3+ -3.16/21
[⌓74.Qd8+ -1.88/20 Ka6 75.Qxh4]
74...Ka5 75.f3? -9.92/26
[75.Kh2 -2.80/20]
75...Qc5 76.f4 Ra3 77.Qb2 Ka4 -5.54/22
[⌓77...Rg3+ -#4/10 78.Kf1 Qg1+ *(78...Rxh3 79.Qd2+ Ka4 80.Qd1+ Kb5 81.Qd7+ Kb4 82.Qd2+ Ka3 83.f5 Rh1+ 84.Ke2 Rh2+* Skewer, Deflection *85.Kf3 Rxd2 86.Kf4 Rg2 87.Kg5 Qe5 88.Kh5 Qg7 89.e5 Rxg4 90.f6 Qg6#)* 79.Ke2 Qh2+ Skewer, Double Attack 80.Kf1 Rg1#]
78.g5 Qc4 -14.60/22
[⌓78...Rg3+ -#4/10 79.Kf1 Qg1+ *(79...Rxh3? 80.Qa1+ Ra3 81.Qd1+ Kb5 82.e5-+)* 80.Ke2 Qh2+ Skewer, Double Attack 81.Kf1 Rg1#]
79.Qb1 Qe2+ Black mates. **80.Kg1 Rg3+ 81.Kh1 Qg2#** Weighted Error Value: White=0.67/Black=0.57
0-1

129 **B33**
□ **Tulekenova,Aiza** **1581**
■ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2723**
FIDE World Bl Team Pool B blitz (1.4)
[Kitty Kat]

B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be6 8.Nd5**
[8.Nc4 Rb8 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5 Nce7 11.g4 Nf6 12.Bg2 b5 13.Ne3 g6 14.Qf3 Bg7 15.h4 h5 16.Bd2 hxg4 17.Nxg4 Nh5 18.0-0-0 a5 19.Qa3 b4 20.Qa4+ Qd7 21.Qxd7+ Kxd7 22.Kb1 a4 Gottwald,B (2380)-Van Duyvenbode (2545) 4.Qc2 bxc4 5.e4]
8...Nf6 9.Bg5 The main line 9.Bg5 scores better than 9.Nxf6+. Die Hauptvariante 9.Lg5 punktet besser als 9.Sxf6+.
[9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.Nc4 Qg6 11.Nxd6+ Bxd6 12.Qxd6 Qxe4+ 13.Be3 Rd8 14.Qc5 Qb4+ 15.Qc3 0-0 16.Bd3 e4 17.Qxb4 Nxb4 18.Bxe4 Bd5 19.Bxd5 Nxc2+ 20.Ke2 Rxd5 21.Rad1 Nxe3 22.Kxe3 Re8+ 23.Kf4 Rb5 ½-½ 7.h3 e5 8.♖e1 ♖e8 (1838)-Averin,N (1578) 134 Linz 2014 (7)]
9...Bxd5N 10.Bxf6
[10.exd5 Qa5+ 11.c3 Qxd5 12.Bxf6 Qxd1+ 13.Rxd1 gxf6 13) Kalashnikov 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1-Kalashnikov 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 Ã]
10...Qa5+
[10...Qxf6 11.Qxd5 h5 12.c3±]
11.c3 Be6 12.Bg5 The position is equal. **12...h6!?** An interesting side line. Eine interessante Nebenvariante. **13.Be3 b5** Prevents Bf1-c4. **14.Nc2 Be7 15.f4N** -1.14/20
[Vorgänger: 15.Be2 0-0 16.0-0 Qc7 17.Bg4 Bc4 18.Re1 Rad8 19.b3 Against d6-d5 Be6 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Qg4 0-1 Ucha,L (1898)-Lujan,C (2360) Moron Faogba op 2018 (2)]
[15.Be2= 0.08/24 keeps the balance.]
15...exf4∓
[15...Bxa2 16.Be2±]
16.Bxf4 0-0 aiming for ...b5-b4.
[16...Bxa2 17.b4 Qa4 18.Qd2+-]
17.Ne3 -2.07/19
[17.Bd3∓ -0.79/21]
17...b4-+

[17...Bxa2? 18.Nd5+-]
18.Qd2 bxc3
[18...Bxa2 19.Be2±]
19.bxc3 Ne5 -1.50/18
[Black should play 19...Bh4+-+ -1.92/20 20.g3 Bf6]
20.Be2∓ Rac8 -1.03/20 Black is more active.
[⌓20...Bf6 -1.53/19 Strongly threatening ...Ne5-f3+! 21.Rc1 Qxa2 *(21...Bxa2 22.0-0∓)* 22.Qxa2 Bxa2]
21.Rc1 -1.70/20
[21.0-0∓ -1.03/20 keeps fighting.]
21...Rc5
[21...Qxa2 22.Qxa2 Bxa2 23.0-0∓]
22.0-0 Rfc8 -0.87/20
[22...Qxa2 23.Nf5 Bf6 24.Qxa2 Bxa2 25.Bxa6]
[⌓22...Ng6 -1.25/19 White must now prevent ...Ng6xf4. 23.Bg3 Rd8 *(23...Bxa2? 24.Ra1+-)*]
23.Nd1 -1.86/20
[23.Nf5∓ -0.87/20 is a better defense. Bxf5 24.exf5]
23...Qa4
[23...Qxa2 24.Qxa2 Bxa2 25.Bxa6∓]
[23...Bxa2? 24.Ra1+-]
24.Qe3 -2.51/20
[24.Qc2 -1.83/16 was worth a try. Ra5 *(24...Qxa2 25.Qxa2 Bxa2 26.Bxa6∓)* 25.Qxa4 Rxa4 26.Rc2]
24...Ng6-+
[24...Qxa2 25.Bh5∓]
25.Bg3? -4.54/18
[25.Ra1 -2.42/19]
25...Bg5 Skewer, Deflection
[Stronger than 25...Bxa2 26.Ra1=]
[25...Qxa2 26.Qd3-+]
26.Qf2 Bxc1 27.Bxd6

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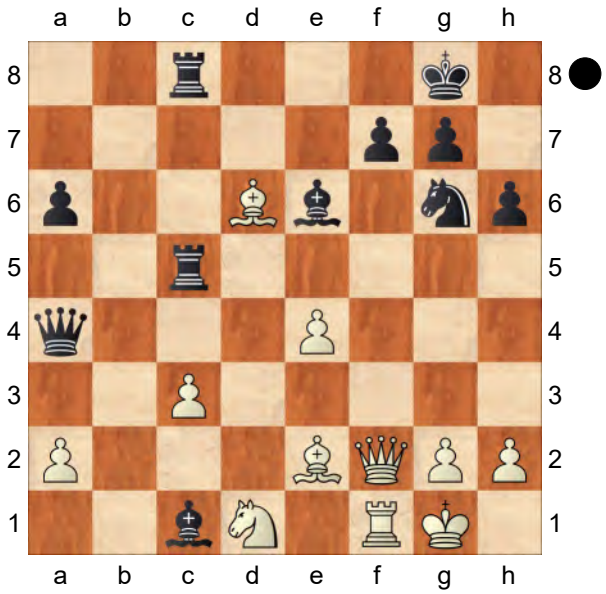
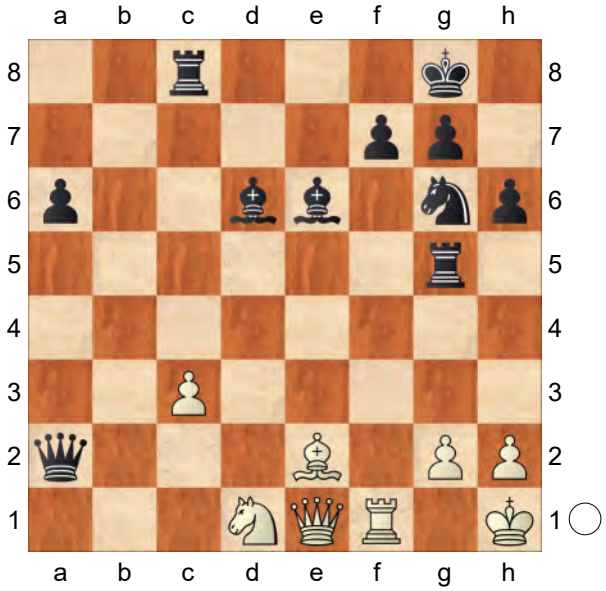


Ba3 28.Kh1
[28.e5 Rd5]
28...Qxe4 29.Bf3 Qc4 30.Qg3 -#1/14
[30.Bxc5-+ -4.97/18 Bxc5 31.Qe1]
30...Rg5 -7.58/16
[⌓30...Qxf1# -#1/14]
31.Qe1 Bxd6 32.Be2 Qxa2



Threatens to win with ...Be6-d5. **33.Nf2 Nf4 34.Ne4 Qxe2** -15.87/22
[⌓34...Rxg2 -#10/20 35.Qd2 Qxd2 *(35...Rxe2* leads to mate. *36.Qxa2 Rxa2 37.Nf6+ Kh8 38.Ne4 Nh3 39.Rf4 Bxf4 40.Ng3 Bd5+ 41.Ne4*

Bxe4#) 36.Nxd2 Rxe2 37.Nf3 Rxc3 38.Kg1 Nh3+ 39.Kh1 Bd5 *(39...Rxf3* is a self mate. *40.Rf2 Re1+ 41.Rf1 Rfxf1+ 42.Kg2 Rf2#)* 40.Rf2 Bxf3+ Remove Defender, Overworked Piece 41.Rxf3 Rxh2#]

35.Qxe2 Nxe2 36.Nxd6 Rxc3 37.Ne4 Bd5 Weighted Error Value: White=1.11/ Black=0.71

0-1

130 **B15**

□ **Maghsoodloo,Parham** **2742**

■ **Parmar,Mohammad Yasin** **1488**

Rasht Father Cup Rapid 2nd (1) 8.12.23

[Kitty Kat]

B15: Caro-Kann: 3 Nc3: 3...g6 and 3...dxe4 4 Nxe4 Nf6 5 Nxf6+ exf6 **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2** Active counter play! **8...Re8+ 9.Ne2 h5 10.Be3 Nd7** White is slightly better. **11.0-0-0 Nf8 12.h3**

[12.Kb1 Be6 13.c4 Rc8 14.h3 h4 15.Rdg1 b5 16.c5 Bb8 17.Nc3 b4 18.Ne4 f5 19.Nd6 Bxd6 20.cxd6 Qxd6 21.Bxf5 Qd5 22.Bxe6 Nxe6 23.Rd1 Qxg2 24.Qf5 Qd5 25.Qg4 Nf8 26.Qxh4 Qe4+ ½-½ Modestov,B (2669)-Trkaljanov,V (2676) DEM 66 Binz 1994 (8)]

12...h4 0.47/17

[12...Be6= 0.08/18]

13.Rhe1N Leaves trodden paths. Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.

[13.Rhg1 Qc7 14.Rde1 g6 15.g3 Rxe3 16.fxe3 hxg3 17.Ref1 Bxh3 18.Rxf6 g2 19.Bxg6 fxg6 20.Rxg6+ Kf7 21.Rxd6 Qxd6 22.Nf4 Qd7 23.Qf2 Ke8 24.Qh4 Be6 25.Rxg2 Qe7 26.Qh8 Bf7 27.Kd2 Rd8 0-1 Gruenwald,B (1578)-Manhardt,T (2173) Feffernitz op 32nd 2023 (9) 28.Rg7 Qf6 29.b3 Ke7 30.Nh5 Qf2+ 31.Kd3 Qf5+ 32.Kd2 Ne6 33.Qh6 Nxg7 34.Nxg7 Qf6 0-1 Williams,L (1578)-Merkl,H (2173) olm11 fin B2 corr9298 ICCF corr 1992 (9)]

13...Be6 14.Kb1 -0.12/17

[14.c4± 0.31/18]

14...Qc7 0.40/19

[14...b5= -0.12/17]

15.c4± Bb4N 1.17/18

[Vorgänger: 15...b5 0.81/19 15...a7-a6 0.24 16.d5 Bd7? 2.39/20 *(16...cxd5±* 0.57/19 *17.c5 Bh2)* 17.cxb5 1.10/18 *(17.c5+-* 2.39/20 has better winning chances. *Be5 18.d6)* 17...cxb5± 18.Qxc7 Bxc7 19.Nd4 a6 20.Nf5 Ng6 21.d6 0.32/20 *(21.Bc5!±* 1.01/19) 21...Ba5± 22.Bd2 Bxd2 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Rxd2 Re5 25.Ne3 Nf4 ½-½ Nielsen,M (2079)-Wahlgreen,N (1990) DEN-ch cand Svendborg 2022 (6)]

[15...Ng6= 0.27/19]

16.Rg1!± Bd6 1.34/18

[⌓16...Ng6 0.74/17]

(Diagram)

17.g4 0.51/17

[17.g3!± 1.34/18]

17...b5 1.18/19 **18.c5** 0.26/20

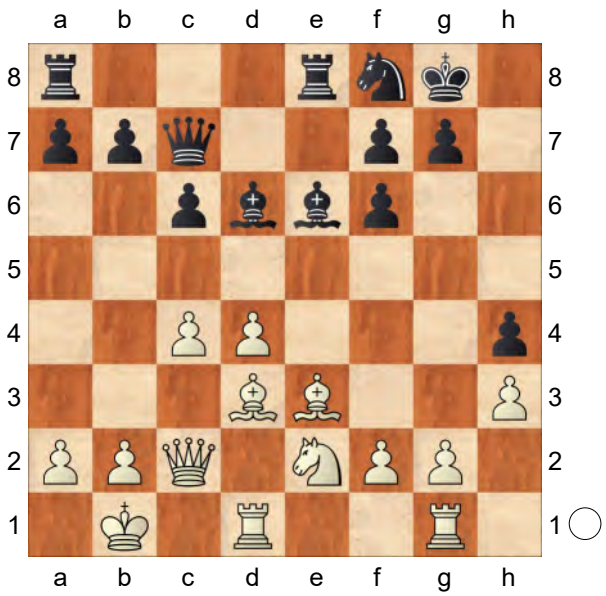
[18.cxb5± 1.18/19 And now Bd3-e4 would win. Qa5 19.Nc3 *(19.bxc6 Bxa2+ 20.Kc1 Rab8∓)*]

18...Bh2= 19.Rge1 Bd5 0.81/19

[19...Rad8± 0.33/18 might be stronger.]

20.Nc3± Nc3xd5 is the strong threat.

20...Bf3 21.Rc1 -0.04/17



[White should try 21.d5± 0.78/19]

21...Rad8 22.Be4 -0.47/18

[22.d5= 0.21/18]

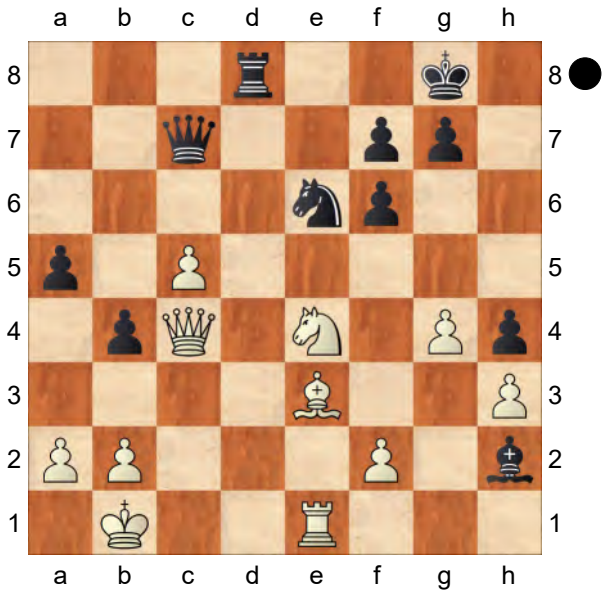
22...Bxe4∓ 23.Nxe4 Ne6 24.Rcd1 -0.62/18

[24.Red1= -0.21/17]

24...b4 25.Qc4 a5 26.d5 -0.92/23

[26.a3∓ -0.33/17]

26...cxd5∓ 27.Rxd5 Rxd5 28.Qxd5 Rd8 Against c5-c6 **29.Qc4**



Qc6 -0.80/20

[⌓29...Bf4! -1.20/20 30.Qc2 Bxe3 31.fxe3 Qe5]

30.Nd2 Be5 Strongly threatening ...Be5-d4. **31.Qe4 Qb5** -0.01/22

[31...Rd5∓ -0.67/19 32.f4 Bd4 *(32...Nxc5 33.Bxc5 Bxb2 34.Bb6+-)* 33.Bxd4 Nxd4]

32.Rc1 -1.08/19

[32.Qc4!= -0.01/22 Qc6 33.Qe4]

32...Rc8? 0.60/20

[32...Bd4∓ -1.08/19 33.c6 Bxe3 34.Qxe3 Qd5 *(34...Rc8 35.Qe4∓)*]

33.Nf3± Nxc5 1.62/22

[33...Bc3± 0.58/19]

34.Qd5 0.23/21

[34.Nxh4? too greedy. Nxe4 35.Rxc8+ Kh7-+]

[34.Qf5+- 1.62/22 Rc7 35.Nxe5 fxe5 36.Qxe5 Qd3+ 37.Ka1]

34...Qb6? 3.49/21 Weighted Error Value: White=0.40/Black=0.41

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